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Amherst, N. H.

for the

Year Ending December 31, 1969

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It Is In Grateful Appreciation that

Mrs. Marion U. Nelson

Mrs. Nelson served the Town as Librarian from 1950 to 1969. During this period circulation rose from approximately 8,000 books per year to 32,000. While Mrs. Nelson served our small village Library changed to a more formal service adjusted to a growing community. Great demands were placed upon her shoulders, which she met efficiently. It was with deep regret that the Trustees accepted her letter of resignation. The Town of Amherst takes this opportunity to express appreciation for the dedication which underlies the contribution she made to our community as Town Librarian.

We Dedicate This 1969 Town Report to

Mrs. Catherine A. Kruger

Mrs. Kruger served as Town Clerk from 1948 to 1970. Fantastic growth, which has seen Amherst change from a small town of fewer than 2,000 inhabitants to a bustling community of over 4,500, marked her tenure in office. It is with regrets that we accept her decision to resign. In recognition of many years of community service, graciously rendered to Amherst residents, we express our deep gratitude and appreciation.

TOWN OFFICERS — 1969

Moderator
M. A. Wight, Jr.

Selectmen
Meric G. Arnold, '70
Hermon W. Anderson, '71 — J. Merrill Hines '72

Town Clerk
Catherine A. Kruger resigned
Bernice G. Boothroyd, Interim Clerk

Tax Collector
Barbara H. Landry

Town Treasurer
Catherine A. Kruger

Auditors
Orson H. Bragdon
Stephen Noble

Road Agent
Richard G. Crocker

Road Commissioners
George Grassett '70
Frank W. Dreyer '71
Rufus I. Brown '72

Supervisors of Check List
Everard Barron '70
Phyllis Hill '72
Audrey Spalding '74

Town Counsel
Charles J. Lincoln

Trustees of Trust Funds
Edward A. Conti '70
David T. Ramsay '71 — Harry R. Mitiguy '72

Library Trustees
Benjamin G. Bundy '70 — Kathleen C. Ware '71
Marian J. Williston '70 — Helen L. Sondrol '71
E. Daniel Johnson '72
Elizabeth M. Wight '72

Ways and Means Committee
Robert Blakeman, Chairman — H. Presley Hatcher
Marilyn Antonelli — David T. Ramsay
Richard Gilman — James Rowan
Dr. James C. Starke

Tree Committee

F. Tenney Clough

Allen D. Howard H. Ronald Berlack

Planning Board

Elliot Lyon, Chairman	'71	Harold Eastman	'72
Rita Simpson, Secretary	'70	Herbert Campman	'73
John Enright	'71	Oliver Merrill	'74

Ex-Officio

Meric G. Arnold

Civil Defense

Roy E. Maston

Administrative Official

Chester B. McGrath, Jr.

Cemetery Trustees

Edward J. Marchildon, Chairman
David T. Ramsay
Hermon W. Anderson

Health Officer

Dr. James C. Starke

Memorial Day Committee

William H. P. Hopkins, Chairman
Robert K. Blakeman
Creeley S. Buchanan
Paul F. Dudley
Phyllis A. Hill
Harry P. Trevathan

Recreation Committee

Ann G. Hopkins, Chairman	'70	William Johnson	'71
Robert L. Bacon	'70	Raymond L. Desmarais	'72
Hope M. Caulfield	'71		

Conservation Commission

Harry R. Mitiguy, Chr.	'71	Alice E. Arnold	'70
Herbert I. Harding, Vice-Chr.	'70	Frederick E. Seeling	'71
Elizabeth G. Hall, Sec'y	'72	Neil F. Mangold	'72
		Robert T. Weston	'72

Police Department

Donald Bourdon, Chief

William J. Morrison, Deputy Chief
Howard C. French, Sgt.
Arthur Merrill, Sgt.
Bruce Clark
Norman Clark
Howard Ferris
Arthur H. Tovey

* Marie Grella
* Louise Simmons

* For School Duty

Board of Adjustment

Paul F. Antonelli, '70 Chairman

Jack Lindabury, Vice Chr.	'71	Edward Noyes	'72
Roger Brown, Sec'y	'73	Howard W. Boothroyd,	'74

Sup't Town Hall Building
Charles A. Reynolds

Sup't Brick School Building
John E. Bowler

Fire Wards

Charles E. Duval
Richard G. Crocker
John F. Hanlon

Dog Officer
Howard C. French

Fire Chief
Charles E. Duval

Industrial Advisory Committee

Harding C. Sortevik, Chairman

Joseph Carlozzi
H. Ronald Berlack

Representatives to the General Court

Senator Creeley S. Buchanan, resigned
Frederick Porter Elected 1970

Rep. Orson H. Bragdon
Rep Kenneth W. Spalding

Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Meric G. Arnold	'71	Robert Hall	'73

OFFICE HOURS
of
TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

At Town Hall second and fourth Monday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 p. m.

Tax Collector

Office at home — Mack Hill Road

Town Hall — Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 to noon; also second and fourth Monday evenings, Town Hall.

Town Clerk

Office at home — Court House Road

Monday: 9:00 a. m. to noon; also 4:30 to 7:30 p. m.
Tues., Wed., Thurs. and Fri., 9:00 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.

Treasurer

Office at home — Middle Street

General Information

Telephone:

Town Hall	673-2305
Tax Collector	673-2305 or 1513
Town Clerk	673-1840
Town Treasurer	673-3235
Fire Chief	673-2543
Road Agent	673-1293
Town Barn	673-2317
Police Chief	673-1414
Dog Officer	673-2472 or 673-4900

FOR FIRE, POLICE, EMERGENCY 673-1414

Hours for Dump

Every Wednesday, 11 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.
Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

Amherst Parking December 1st to April 1st

Overnight parking is prohibited on all public roads in Amherst from December to April 1st in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 47 R.S.A.
A fine of $5.00 for each violation.

Please keep your Town Report handy, you may want to refer to it many times during the year.

TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Polls open at 8 A.M.; close at 7 P.M.

Voting on Articles One (1) through Nine (9) will be by Ballot at the Polls.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the 10th day of March next at 8:00 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE NO.1

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year and ensuing three years.

ARTICLE NO. 2

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II (Establishment of Districts) Sec. 2-1 (Division of Town into Districts) by the addition thereto of the following new provision:

FP – Flood Plain Conservation District

and Sec. 2-2 (Zoning Map) so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

Section 2-2 Zoning Map

The several districts provided for in Section 2-1 above shall be bounded as shown on Map entitled "Zoning Map of the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire" dated February, 1963, and by the Flood Plain Conservation District Overlay, together with all amendments and explanatory matter thereon, is hereby declared to be a part of the Ordinance.

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article No. 2. Do you favor amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst to allow Flood Plain Zoning.

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 3

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II (Establishment of Districts) Sec. 2-1 (Division of Town into Districts) by the addition thereto of the following:

H.D. – Historic District

and Section 2-2 (Zoning Map) so that as amended the same shall read as follows:

Section 2-2 Zoning Map

The several districts provided for in Section 2-1 above shall be bounded as shown on the map entitled "Zoning Map of the Town of Amherst, New Hampshire" dated February, 1963 and by the Flood Plain Conservation District Overlay, together with the Historic District Overlay, and all amendments and explanatory matter thereon, which is hereby declared to be a part of the Zoning Ordinance.

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article No. 3. Do you favor amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst to establish an Historic District.

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 4

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to amend Article VI of the Zoning Ordinance (Administration) by the addition thereto of the following:

"Section 6-3 Board of Adjustment and Historic District Commission A-1 in accordance with the provisions of RSA 31:89, there is hereby established an Historic District Commission, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with RSA 31:89-d."

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article No. 4. Do you favor amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow the establishment of an Historic District Commission.

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 5

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4-5-A-1 of the Zoning Ordinance (Permitted Uses in a Rural District) by the elimination of provisions for two family dwelling so that as amended said section shall read:

1. One Family dwelling and accessory buildings.

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article No. 5. Do you favor the elimination of Two Family dwellings in the Rural District of the Town.

Yes ..... No .....

ARTICLE NO. 6

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

"Any subdivision Approval subsequent to March 10, 1970 which requires Road System layout and construction, must have the road system deeded to the Town and accepted by the Selectmen, prior to the issuance of any Building Permit for any structure whose frontage would include any part of such proposed road system."

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article No. 6. Do you favor requiring roads to be completed before building in a subdivision will be allowed.

Yes ..... No .....

ARTICLE NO. 7

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Town so that:

Excepting for retaining present Sections 3-8, B & C, Section 3-8 Building Regulations, be revised in its entirety as posted throughout the Town, advertised in the newspapers and as official copy of which is on file in the Town Offices.

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article No. 7. Do you favor adoption of the New Building Code.

Yes ..... No .....

ARTICLE NO. 8

(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III of the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance by adding a new section numbered Section 3-9 reading as follows:

> Section 3-9 Interpretation and Application. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be interpreted and shall apply only to such buildings, structures, uses and lots as are specifically regulated by the provisions of this Ordinance and no others.

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article No. 8. Do you favor limiting Zoning to items specifically named in the Ordinance, excluding all others.

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 9

(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IX of the Town of Amherst Zoning Ordinance by adding to the definition of the word "Structure" the following words:

> "provided such structure is otherwise regulated by this Ordinance so that such definition of the word 'Structure' shall read:
>
> "Structure. Anything constructed that is of necessity attached directly or indirectly to the ground, provided such structure is otherwise regulated by this Ordinance."

NOTE: The Ballot Question on this Article will read as follows:

Article No. 9. Do you favor limiting the definition of the word "Structure."

Yes No

ARTICLE NO. 10

To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE NO. 11

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE NO. 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to continue the plan of road improvement started in 1956 or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 towards the purchase of the Joe English Brook Wildlife Reservation, said sum to be matched by $1,750 grant from the Spaulding-Potter Trust, and said appropriation to meet one of the conditions for a $5,000 grant by the Bean Foundation, or take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the restoration and preservation of the original land grant maps belonging to the Town, such work to be supervised by the Historical Society and the Selectmen or take action relative thereto.

ARTICLE NO. 15
(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to abandon the Old Turnpike Road also known as the Second New Hampshire Turnpike, which is now closed subject to gates and bars, beginning at the end of the Boston Post Road and running to the Mont Vernon line.

ARTICLE NO. 16
(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to sell that portion of the Old Turnpike Road beginning at the end of the Boston Post Road North and running to the Mont Vernon line to Earl Burdo, whose land abuts both sides of said roadway for the sum of $1,000.00 or such lesser sum as the Town deems fair and equitable.

Given under our hand and seal this 23rd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy.

HERMON W. ANDERSON
MERIC G. ARNOLD
J. MERRILL HINES
Selectmen of Amherst

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

HERMON W. ANDERSON
MERIC G. ARNOLD
J. MERRILL HINES
Selectmen of Amherst

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1969	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1969	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1970
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 28,000.00	$ 47,633 32	$ 43,000.00
Railroad Tax		9.10	
Savings Bank Tax		2.222.14	2 000.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	6,000.00	11,991.06	11,000.00
Head Tax Reimbursement		230.72	
Elections		66.52	
Brick School		1,511.00	
For Fighting Forest Fires		12.00	
Highway		5,697.20	
Dog Licenses	1,500.00	1,796.95	1,800.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	100.00	78.00	50.0(
Bike Tags	50.00	217.00	200.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	2,080.00	503.00	500.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	1,000.00	2,125.52	1,800.00
Income from Trust Funds	900.00	972.00	900.00
Lots		950.00	
Sale of Maps		166.25	
Bridge		50.00	
Benches		616.25	
OAA Rec		3,573.83	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	41,000.00	54,165.33	45,000.00
Recreation Sources		3,405.50	
Tree Committee		20.00	
Planning		73.05	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes		200,000.00	
Social Security		1,156.31	
Truck Loan		3,027.60	
Redemptions from Tax Sale		6,836.79	
Miscellaneous Income		163.93	

BUDGET

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1969	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1969	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1970
Head Taxes		11,000.00	
Poll Taxes — Regular at $2	2,900.00	3,504.00	3,100.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	400.00	320.90	300.00
Yield Taxes	500.00	1,711.07	500.00
Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes		$1,025,197.42	
Total Revenues		$1,391,003.76	
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1969		22,266.01	
Total Receipts		$1,413,269.77	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1969	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1969	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1970
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 7,100.00	$ 6,892.00	$ 7,100.00
Town Office Expenses	11,250.00	11,544.11	10,100.00
Election and Registration Expenses	400.00	802.75	1,400.00
Planning	1,100.00	1,389.43	2,300.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	2,500.00	2,949.86	4,900.00
Mapping	50.00	287.72	800.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,500.00	2,545.35	2,000.00
Police Department	13,600.00	18,779.59	24,780.00
Fire Department	10,900.00	10,974.55	15,545.00
Moth Exterm. — Blister Rust and Care of Trees	3,375.00	3,371.90	2,700.00
Insurance	5,500.00	5,514.45	4,820.00
Zoning	250.00	157.60	250.00
Conservation	500.00	635.00	1,000.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	3,000.00	1,814.78	2,500.00
Civil Defense	450.00	451.48	500.00
Health Department, Inc. Hospitals and Ambulance	550.00	608.80	650.00
Vital Statistics	100.00	84.50	100.00
Oiling	18,310.00	22,522.52	20,360.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,500.00	2,299.95	2,150.00
Town Maintenance — Summer	14,360.00	15,042.05	17,110.00
Town Maintenance — Winter	28,000.00	43,633.27	40,000.00
Contingency Fund			1,800.00

BUDGET

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1969	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1969	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1970
Street Lighting	2,900.00	3,058.38	3,200.00
General Exp. of Hgwy. Dept.	3,000.00	9,937.89	4,700.00
Town Road Aid	1,754.76	1,754.76	2,002.95
Libraries	7,906.67	7,906.67	9,690.61
Town Poor	1,500.00	953.29	4,000.00
Old Age Assistance	5,000.00	1,477.32	3,500.00
Memorial Day and Veterans' Assoc.	300.00	247.50	300.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	500.00	200.00	500.00
Recreation	1,600.00	2,410.57	2,214.00
Parks and Playground, Incl. Band Concerts	1,600.00	1,711.19	2,050.00
Communication Center	5,100.00	5,399.98	6,000.00
Hydrant Rental	1,810.00	1,810.00	1,850.00
Cemeteries	2,765.00	7,386.27	3,173.00
Brick School	2,800.00	4,037.68	1,440.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,000.00	4,304.86	3,500.00
Interest on Truck Loan		9,733.61	
Auto Registrations		3,536.70	
Tax Sale		6,114.71	
Trust Funds		1,472.00	
Head Tax		11,307.80	
Yield Tax		499.99	
Abatements		2,987.19	
Amherst Village District		2,128.09	
Notes		200,000.00	
County Taxes		50,797.79	
School Taxes		843,413.99	
Budget Totals	$163,831.43		$210,985.56
Article No. 5 Tennis Cts.	1,500.00	4,000.00	
Article No. 6 Roads	5,000.00	5,031.22	
Article No. 7 Cross Road	2,100.00	2,099.98	
Article No. 15 Bridge	14,375.00	3,216.00	
Article No. 8 West Street	875.00	330.05	
Article No. 14 Planning	570.00	659.55	
Article No. 16 Fire District	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Article No. 17 Sidewalk	1,200.00	1,200.00	
TOTAL	$192,451.43	$1,356,426.69	$210,985.56
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1969		56,843.08	
		$1,413,269.77	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES – 1969
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1969

Title of Appropriation	Amt. Approp.	Amt. Receipts	Amt. Avail.	Expended	Over	Under	Estimated 1970
Town officers' salaries	$ 7,100.00		$ 7,100.00	$ 6,892.00		$ 208.00	$7,100.00
Town office expenses	11,250.00	$ 403.44	11,653.44	11,544.11		109.33	10,100.00
Election and registration	400.00	66.52	466.52	802.75	$ 336.23		1,400.00
Planning	1,100.00	73.05	1,173.05	1,389.43	216.38		2,300.00
Zoning	250.00		250.00	157.60		92.40	250.00
Town hall	2,500.00	1,119.25	3,619.25	2,949.86		669.39	4,900.00
Police department	13,600.00	217.00	13,817.00	18,779.59	4,962.59		24,780.00
Recreation	1,600.00	905.50	2,505.50	2,410.57		94.93	2,214.00
Fire department	10,900.00	12.00	10,912.00	10,974.55	62.55		15,545.00
Blister rust	3.375.00	20.00	3,395.00	3,371.90		23.10	2,700.00
Insurance	5,500.00		5,500.00	5,514.45	14.45		4,820.00
Civil defense	450.00		450.00	451.48	1.48		500.00
Health and nursing	550.00		550.00	608.80	58.80		650.00
Vital statistics	100.00		100.00	84.50			100.00
Oiling	18,310.00		18,310.00	22,522.52	4,212.52		20,360.00
Dumps	1,500.00		1,500.00	2,299.95	799.95		2,150.00
Winter maintenance	28,000.00	731.10	28,731.10	43,633.27	14,902.17		40,000.00
Summer maintenance	14,360.00	436.43	14,796.43	15,042.05	245.62		17,110.10
Town Road Aid	1,754.76		1,754.76	1,754.76			2,002.95
Street lights	2,900.00		2,900.00	3,058.38	158.38		3,200.00
General expenses of highway	3,000.00	4,529.67	7,529.67	9,937.89	2,408.22		4,700.00
Libraries	7,906.67		7,906.67	7,906.67			9,690.61
Old age assistance	5,000.00	3,573.83	8,573.83	1,477.32		7,096.51	3,500.00

Contingency Fund							1,800.00
Town poor	1,500.00		1,500.00	953.29		546.71	4,000.00
Veterans' aid	500.00		500.00	200.00		300.00	500.00
Memorial Day	300.00		300.00	247.50		52.50	300.00
Parks and playgrounds	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,711.19	111.19		2,050.00
Cemeteries	2,765.00	4,759.17*	7,524.17	7,386.27		137.90	3,173.00
Damages & legal expenses	3,000.00	1,796.95	4,796.95	1,814.78		2,982.17	2,500.00
Social security	1,500.00	1,156.31	2,656.31	2,545.35		110.96	2,000.00
Brick School	2,800.00	1,511.00	4,311.00	4,037.68		273.32	1,440.00
Interest, short term	1,000.00		1,000.00	4,304.86	3,304.86		3,500.00
Mapping	50.00	166.25	216.25	287.72	71.47		800.00
Conservation	500.00		500.00	635.00	135.00		1,000.00
Communications center	5.500.00		5,100.00	5,399.98	299.98		6,000.00
Hydrant Rental	1,810.00		1,810.00	1,810.00			1,850.00
Art. 5—Tennis courts	1,500.00	2,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00			
Art. 6—Road improvement	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,031.22	31.22		
Art. 7—Cross Road	2,100.00		2,100.00	2,099.98		.02	
Art. 8—West Street	875.00		875.00	330.05		544.95‡	
Art. 14—Regional planning	570.00		570.00	659.55	89.55		
Art. 15—Bridge	14,375.00	54.82	14,429.82	3,216.00		11,213.82#	
Art. 16—Fire house	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00			
Art. 17—Sidewalk (1968)	1,200.00		1,200.00	1.200.00			
TOTAL	$192,451.43	$24,032.29	$216,483.72	$224,434.82	$32,422.61	$24,471.51	$210,985.56
Over Expenditures						7,951.10	
						$32,422.61	

Title of Appropriation	Amt. Approp.	Amt. Receipts	Amt. Avail.	Expended	Over	Under	Estimated 1970
Truck loan		3,027.60	3,027.60	9,733.61	6,706.01#		
Auto registration		54,165.33	54,165.33	3,536.70			
Taxes bought by town				6,114.71			
Trustees of trust funds		1,922.00	1,922.00†	1,472.00			
Temporary loan		200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00			
Head taxes				11,307.80			
Yield taxes				499.99			
County of Hillsborough	50,797.79		50,797.79	50,797.79			
Abatements and refunds				2,987.19			
Amherst Village District	2,128.09		2,128.09	2,128.09			
School Dist. of Amherst				117,000.00	(1968-1969 balance)		
	924,413.99			726,413.99	(1969-1970) Bal. due $198,000.00		
Taxes collected		1.050,695.70					
State sources	61,855.62						
Misc. expenses & income		64.39					
		1,395,762.93		1.356,426.69			
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1969		22,266.01					
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1969				56,833.08			
Due from trustees of trust funds				4,759.17			
		$1,418,028.94		$1,418,028.94			

Account due from highway department, asset account
‡ Accounts due on encumbered balances, liability accounts
* Account due from Trustees of Trust Funds
† Due to the trustees, the balance amount of $450.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Description of Property	1969 No.	1969 Valuation	1968 No.	1968 Valuation
Land, Improved & Unimproved		$ 6,667,710		$ 5,618,775
Buildings		20,547,430		17,410,140
Factory Buildings		106,910		106,360
Factory Machinery		15,290		9,600
Public Utilities				
Gas		34,440		
Electric		585,800		505,880
House Trailers	63	142,530	63	167,180
Stock in Trade of Merchants		352,360		288,715
Stock in Trade of Manufacturers		5,620		32,655
Boats and Launches	51	20,240	45	11,935
Dairy Cows	348	34,800	524	52,400
Poultry	14760	3,690	14510	3,635
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		6,160		6,160
Road Building & Construction Machinery		4,420		9,210
Total Valuation before exemptions allowed		$28,527,400		$24,222,645
Neatstock Exemptions		8,000		7,700
Poultry Exemptions		1,400		1,540
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed		$28,518,000		$24,213,405

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 7,100 00
Town Office Administrative Expenses	11,250 00
Election and Registration Expenses	400 00
Planning	1,100 00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	2,500 00
Social Security and Retirement Contributions	1,500 00
Police Department	13,600 00
Oiling	18,310 00
Fire Department	10,900 00
Blister Rust – Moth Extermination & Care of Trees	3,375 00
Insurance	5,500 00
Planning and Zoning	250 00
Damages and Legal Expenses	3,000 00
Civilian Defense	450 00
Health Department	550 00
Vital Statistics	100 00
Recreation	1,585 00
Dump and Garbage Collection	1,500 00
Town Maintenance:	
(Summer $14,360) (Winter $28,000)	42,360 00
Street Lighting	2,900 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	3,000 00
Town Road Aid	1,754 76
Libraries	7,906 67
Old Age Assistance	5,000 00
Public Relief:	
(Town Poor $1,500) (Veterans' Aid $500)	2,000 00
Memorial Day	300 00
Parks and Playgrounds	1,600 00
Communications Center	5,100 00
Cemeteries	2,765 00
Brick School	2,800 00
Conservation	500 00
Hydrant Rental	1,810 00
Mapping	50 00
Article 16	3,000 00

Payment on Debt (Interest $1,000)		1,000 00
Article 5 — Tennis Court		1,500 00
Article 6 — Road Improvement		5,000 00
Article 7 — Cross Road		2,100 00
Article 8 — West Street		875 00
Article 14 — Planning		570 00
Article 15		7,660 00
Total Town Appropriation		$184,521 43
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	$47,633 00	
Railroad Tax	9 00	
Savings Bank Tax	2,222 00	
Meals and Rooms Tax	11,990 00	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	10 00	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,711 00	
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	1,790 00	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	70 00	
Dog Licenses	1,700 00	
Motor Vehicle Permits	50,000 00	
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	300 00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	291 00	
Poll Taxes at $2 (1969 Warrant)	3,846 00	
Total Revenues and Credits		$121,572 00
Net Town Appropriations		62,949 43
Net School Appropriations		924,413 99
County Tax Assessment		50,797 79
Total of Town, School and County		$1,038,161 21
Add: War Service Tax Credits		18,350 00
Add: Overlay		12,913 79
Property Taxes to be Raised		$1,069,425 00

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Gross Property Taxes	$1,069,425 00
Gross Precinct Taxes	2,410 00
Total	$1,071,835 79
Less: w/Serv. Tax Cr.	18,350 00
Net Property Taxes	$1,053,485 79
Add: 1969 Poll Taxes at $2	3,846 00
Add: National Bank Stock Taxes	291 00
Total Tax Commitment	$1,057,622 79

Tax Rates:

Town	$ .32
School District	3.25
County	.18
Precinct	.05

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	$ 56,833 08
Tax Collector	10 00
Trustees of Trust Funds	4,759 17
Fire Truck Fund	3,162 14
Grader Fund	1,000 00
Southern Fire District Fund	3,000 00
Accounts Due to Town:	
Forest Land Reimbursement	38 25
Truck Loan to Highway Dept.	6,706 01
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(b) Levy of 1968	2,828 50
(c) Levy of 1967	816 40
(d) Previous Years	180 86

Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1969		142,206 88
(b) Levy of 1968		283 90
(d) Previous Years		152 99
(e) State Head Taxes – Levy of 1969		1,890 00
Total Assets		$223,868 18
Net Surplus December 31,1968	$17,320 25	
Net Surplus December 31, 1969	4,588 57	
Decrease of Surplus	$12,731 68	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Trustees of Trust Funds	$ 450 00
Art. 15 – Bridge	11,213 82
Art. 8 – West Street	544 95
(a) Uncollected 1969 State Head Taxes	1,890 00
(b) Uncollected Yield Taxes	18 70
Due to School District:	
Balance of School Tax	198,000 00
Southern Fire District	3,000 00
Fire Truck Fund	3,162 14
Grader Fund	1,000 00
Total Liabilities	$219,279 61
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	4,588 57
Grand Total	$223,868 18

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes — 1969	$910,837 26	
Poll Taxes — 1969	2,992 00	
National Bank Stock Taxes — 1969	320 90	
Yield Taxes — 1969	1,711 07	
State Head Taxes at $5 — 1969	9,380 00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	———————	$925,241 23
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes — Previous Years		114,360 16
Poll Taxes — Previous Years		512 00
State Head Taxes at $5 — Previous Years		1,620 00
Interest received on Taxes		1,993 02
Penalties on State Head Taxes		132 50
Tax sales redeemed		6,836 79
General Expense of Highway		4,529 67
Winter Maintenance		731 10
Summer Maintenance		436 43
Interest and dividends tax		47,633 32
Railroad Tax		9 10
Savings Bank Tax & Bldg. & Loan Assn. Tax		2,222 14
Bike Tags		170 00
Police Sources		47 00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber		20 00
Advertising		73 05
Training		12 00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		3,573 83
Reimbursement Head and Poll Taxes		230 74
Meals and Rooms Tax		11,991 06

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	1,796 95
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	78 00
Secretarial Work	19 70
Rent of Town Hall	503 00
Maps	166 25
Elections	66 62
Sale of Benches	616 25
Rent of Brick School	1,511 00
Motor Vehicle Permits (1968 – $1,094.58) (1969 – $53,070.75)	54,165 33
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	200,000 00
New Trust Funds received during year	950 00
Sale of Adding Machine	75 00
Annual Care – Cemeteries	972 00
Sale of Bridge	54 83
Bean Foundation	2,500 00
Recreation Sources	905 50
Social Security	1,156 31
Truck Loan	3,027 60
Misc. Receipts	64 39
Total Receipts from All Sources	$1,391,003 76
Cash on Hand January 1, 1969	22,266. 01
Grand Total	$1,413,269 77

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	$ 6,892 00
Town office expenses	11,544 11
Election and registration expenses	802 75

Planning	1,389 43
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	2,949 86
Mapping	287 72
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department	18,779 59
Recreation	2,410 57
Fire department, including forest fires	10,974 55
Moth extermination – Blister Rust and Care of Trees	3,371 90
Zoning	157 60
Insurance	5,514 45
Civil Defense	451 48
Brick School	4,037 68
Health:	
Health Dept., including hospitals and ambulance	608 80
Vital statistics	84 50
Oiling	22,522 52
Town dump and garbage removal	2,299 95
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	1,754 76
Town Maintenance (Summer – $15,042.05) (Winter – $43,633.27)	58,675 32
Street lighting	3,058 38
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	9,937 89
Libraries:	
Libraries	7,906 67
Public Welfare:	
Old age assistance	1,477 32
Town poor	953 29

Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations, and Old Home Day	247 50
Aid to soldiers and their families	200 00
Recreation:	
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	1,711 19
Public Service Enterprises:	
Communications Center	5,399 98
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	7,386 27
Conservation	635 00
Unclassified:	
Damages and legal expenses	1,814 78
Hydrant rental	1,810 00
Taxes bought by town	6,114 71
Discounts, abatements and refunds	2,987 19
Employees' retirement and Soc. Security	2,545 35
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	4,304 86
Auto	3,536 70
Truck Loan	9,733 61
Outlay for Construction, New Equipment, and Permanent Improvements:	
Art. No. 5 — Tennis Courts	4,000 00
Art. No. 6 — Road Improvement	5,031 22
Art. No. 7 — Cross Road	2,099 98
Art. No. 8 — West Street	330 05
Art. No. 14 — Regional Planning	659 55
Art. No. 15 — Bridge	3,216 00
Art. No. 16 — S. D. Fire	3,000 00
Art. No. 17 — Sidewalk	1,200 00

Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	200,000 00
Payments to trustees of trust funds (New Funds)	1,472 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State Head Taxes paid to State Treas.	11,307 80
Payments to State a/c Yied Tax Debt Retirement	499 99
Taxes paid to County	50,797 79
Payments to Precincts	2,128 09
Payments to School Districts: (1968 Tax $117,000) (1969 Tax $726,313.99)	843,413 99
Total Payments for All Purposes	$1,356,426 69
Cash on Hand December 31, 1969	56,833 08
Cash in hands of Tax Collector	10 00
Grand Total	$1,413,269 77

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Amherst — December 31, 1969

NONE

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$101,580 00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	57,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	7,000 00
Brick School	112,600 00
Equipment	1,000 00
Annex	13,200 00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	33,800 00
Equipment	42,000 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	12,000 00
Equipment	50,000 00
Brick School Contents	1,000 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	955,000 00
Equipment	275,000 00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Dump	2,120 00
Goodwin Building	2,700 00
Chandler Lot	350 00
Melendy Lot	200 00
White Lot	1,090 00
Gelinis Lot	960 00
Broadway Lot	2,330 00
Old Dump Baboosic	1,990 00
Odell Meadow – Conservation Commission Land	1,400 00
Brooks Land Baboosic	1,780 00
Glover Land	1,520 00
Sherburne Land – Conservation Commission	1,000 00
Total	$1,689,220 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1969

137	Auto Permits (1968)	$ 1,094 58	
3389	Auto Permits (1969)	53,070 75	
			$54,165 33

Dog Account

132	Fines	$ 132 00	
10	Kennel Licenses	167 00	
610	Male or Spayed Dogs	1,220 00	
76	Female Dogs	380 00	
15	Part Year Licenses	20 00	
20	Part Year Licenses (1968)	19 15	
			$ 1,938 15
License Fees paid to Town Clerk			141 20
Paid to Treasurer			$ 1,796 95

Notice to Owners and Keepers of Dogs:

Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually on or before the 30th day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of May, in the office of the Town Clerk wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with a registered number.

ALL dogs must be vaccinated against rabies in the state's attempt to prevent the spread of this killing disease.

Male or spayed dogs, $2.00; female dogs, $5.00. $1.00 penalty if not paid before June 1st.

Report lost tags to Town Clerk for replacement.

An untagged dog is a stray dog and may be picked up by the dog officer and taken to the Animal Rescue League.

Report all lost or found dogs to Dog Officer.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Yield and Poll Taxes

LEVY OF 1969

	Dr.		
Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	$1,053,493 45		
Yield Taxes	1,823 27		
Poll Taxes	3,846 00		
National Bank Stock	320 90		
		$1,059,483	62
Added Taxes:			
Property	$2,452 42		
Poll	48 00		
		2,500	42
Interest Collected		94	83
Total Debits		$1,062,078	87
	Cr.		
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	$910,837 26		
Yield Taxes	1,711 07		
Poll Taxes	2,992 00		
Bank Stock Tax	320 90		
Interest	94 83		
		$ 915,956	06
Abated Taxes:			
Property Tax	$3,669 93		
Poll Tax	246 00		
		3,915	93
Uncollected as per List:			
Property	$141,438 68		
Yield	112 20		
Poll	656 00		
		142,206	88
Total Credits		$1,062,078	87

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax

LEVY OF 1969

Dr.

Committed to Collector	$11,765 00
Added Taxes	120 00
Penalties	5 50
Total Debits	$11,890 50

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer	$ 9,380 00
Abatements	615 00
Uncollected	1,890 00
Penalties	5 50
Total Credits	$11,890 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax

LEVY OF 1968

Dr.

Uncollected, January 1, 1969	$ 1,890 00
Added Taxes 1969	50 00
Penalties Collected	127 00
Total Debits	$ 2,067 00

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
State Head Taxes	$ 1,620 00
Penalties	127 00
Abated in 1969	320 00
Total Credits	$ 2,067 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property and Poll Taxes

LEVY OF 1968

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1969:	
Property	$115,492 25
Poll	662 00
Added Property	137 18
Added Poll	16 00
Interest Collected	1,631 43
Total Debits	$117,938 86

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Property Taxes	$114,360 16
Poll Taxes	512 00
Interest	1,631 43
Taxes Abated:	
Property	985 37
Poll	166 00
Uncollected Taxes:	
Ross Kierstead	26 05
State of N.H. (Dion)	257 85
Total Credits	$117,938 86

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Prior Years Yield

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1969	$ 152 99

Cr.

Uncollected December 31, 1969	$ 152 99

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Head Tax

LEVY OF 1967

	Dr.	
Uncollected January 1, 1969		$ 15 00
	Cr.	
Abated in 1969		$ 15 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
State Poll and Property

	Dr.	
Uncollected January 1, 1969:		
Property Taxes		$ 6 56
Poll Taxes		6 00
Total Debits		$ 12 56
	Cr.	
Abated During 1969:		
Property Taxes		$ 6 56
Poll Taxes		6 00
Total Credits		$ 12 56

Summary of Tax Sale Accounts — As of December 31, 1969

Tax Sale of Account of Levies of:

Dr.

	1968	1967	Previous
Taxes Sold in 1969	$7,067.99		
Overpayment	100.66		
Balance Unredeemed		$2,697.27	$1,130.90
Interest Collected	43.29	136.32	87.15
Total Debits	$7,211.94	$2,833.59	$1,218.05

	Cr.		
Remitted to Treasurer	$4,216.43	$1,769.37	$ 850.99
Interest	43.29	136.32	87.15
Deeded to Town	123.72	111.50	99.05
Unredeemed Dec. 31, 1969	2,828.50	816.40	180.86
Total Credits	$7,211.94	$2,833.59	$1,218.05

UNREDEEMED TAXES ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:

	1968	1967	Previous
Roland Levesque			$ 161.72
Donald Holt			9.30
Unknown Blood		$ 11.88	9.84
Marcel Demers	$ 264.65	236.39	
Marcel Demers	263.82	235.93	
Hannah Clear Heirs	121.39	108.83	
Charles Monson		101.35	
Clayton Miller		31.19	
Unknown	25.95	23.50	
	42.26	38.25	
	32.04	29.08	
Elizabeth Albee	1,115.14		
Howard Green	41.45		
Evelyn Harris	2.05		
Francis Brown	15.76		
John Liljeberg	1.82		
Andre Cadorette	104.19		
Clifford Wells	145.32		
Jason Nash	8.55		
	5.94		
Yankee Homes	35.52		
	4.22		
	41.37		
	43.64		
Bernard Fifield	252.46		
Yankee Homes	17.29		
	12.13		
Winifred Bartlett	19.21		
Joseph Charron	13.21		
Donald Grant	199.12		
	$2,828.50	$ 816.40	$ 180.86

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 1969

Cash on Hand January 1, 1969		$ 22,266 01
Received from:		
Barbara H. Landry, Tax Collector		1,050,695 70
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk		
Auto Permits (1968)	$ 1,094 58	
Auto Permits (1969)	53,070 75	
		54,165 33
Dog Licenses		1,796 95
Gifts – Perpetual Care		
M. E. Young	$100 00	
Edward Wilson (½ lot)	50 00	
David Currie	100 00	
Arthur Darrah	100 00	
B. Coffin	100 00	
Charles Going	100 00	
Leonard Hayward	100 00	
Louis Hayward	100 00	
Louis Langelier	100 00	
Harold Perry	100 00	
		950 00
Richard G. Crocker		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	$500 00	
Burials	450 00	
Annual – Flowers	22 00	
		972 00
Selectmen		
Maps	$166 25	
Sold to D. Bourdon ½ Bridge		
Sold to W. T. Bonnell ½ Bridge	50 00	
Permit to Solicit	20 00	
Junk Yard Licenses	50 00	
Pool Table License	8 00	
		294 25

Credit Town Officers		
Secretarial Work	$19 70	
Sold to Amherst Village Dist.		
Adding Machine	75 00	
		94 70
Credit Election and Registration		
Filings – Officers	$13 00	
Amherst School – March	53 52	
		66 52
Richard G. Crocker		
General Highway	$4,529 67	
Winter Maintenance	731 10	
Summer Maintenance	436 43	
		5,697 20
Brick School Building		
Jack & Jill Kindergarten	$1,380 00	
Girl Scouts	100 00	
Hans Olansen	31 00	
		1,511 00
Town Hall Rentals		
Smith Auctions	$278 00	
Amherst Assemblies	120 00	
Women Voters	10 00	
Boy Scouts	10 00	
Jaycees	10 00	
Souhegan Grange	75 00	
Total Rentals		503 00
Settees and Benches		616 25
Police Department		
Pistol Permits	$ 32 00	
Bike Tags	170 00	
Accident Reports	15 00	
		217 00
State of New Hampshire		
O.A.A. Recovery:		
G. Long	$ 41 25	
Mamie White	790 40	
John McNeil	2,742 18	

Meals and Rooms Tax	11,991 06	
Railroad Tax	9 10	
Savings Bank	2,222 14	
Int. & Dividends	47,633 32	
T.R.A. State & Bridge	3 82	
Stop Easement	1 00	
Overpayment Head Tax	83 25	
Reimbursement Head and Poll Tax	147 49	
Training Meetings	12 00	
		65,677 01
Recreation		
Bean Foundation	$2,500 00	
Various Sources	905 50	
		3,405 50
Tree Committee		
Dwight Richardson		20 00
Planning Committee		
Union Leader		73 05
Souhegan National Bank		
Notes – anticipation of taxes		200,000 00
Check cancelled – N.R. Conf.	$ 20 00	
Soc. Sec. Withholding		
Highway Dept.	961 29	
Amherst Town Library	195 02	
		1,176 31
Mailloux Subsequent		
Tax Payment	$ 44 39	
Truck Loan	3,027 60	
		3,071 99
		$1,391,003 76
Cash on Hand January 1, 1969		22,266 01
		$1,413,269 77

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS — 1969

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation	$7,100 00	
Expended:		
Meric G. Arnold	$1,200 00	
Hermon W. Anderson	792 00	
J. Merrill Hines	1,000 00	
Barbara Landry, Collector	2,500 00	
David Ramsey, Trustee	100 00	
Stephen Noble, Auditor	100 00	
Orson Bragdon, Auditor	100 00	
Catherine Kruger, Clerk	500 00	
Catherine Kruger, Treasurer	600 00	
	———	$ 6,892 00

Town Office Expenses

Appropriation	$11,250 00	
Head Tax Reimbursement	147 49	
Head Tax overpayment	83 25	
Adding Machine sale	75 00	
Secretarial work	19 70	
Pool Licenses	8 00	
Junk Licenses	50 00	
Solicitors' Licenses	20 00	
	———	
	$11,653 44	
Expended:		
United Appraisal	$1,200 00	
Addressograph Supplies	213 25	
Registry fees	182 49	
Dues	509 60	
Mileage	517 85	
Meeting expenses	252 59	
Book binding	20 00	
Advertising	170 23	
Supplies	104 26	
Repairs	88 50	
Postage	793 92	

Printing	900 71	
Bernice Boothroyd	934 36	
Miscellaneous expenses	47 82	
Adding machine, clerk	245 86	
Typewriter, clerk	183 73	
Barbara Landry	3,093 10	
Town report printing	1,801 97	
Equity law books	167 00	
Nolte, survey	78 00	
Town Publishing, auto books	12 90	
State of N. H., boat inv.	25 97	
		$11,544 11

Election and Registration

Appropriation	$400 00	
Filing fees	13 00	
School share	43 52	
	$466 52	
Expended:		
Advertising	$218 50	
Tape	29 00	
Ballot Clerks, March	145 50	
Ballot Clerks, October	58 50	
Janitor	35 50	
Printing	44 50	
Assistant to Clerk	10 00	
Meeting expenses	4 25	
Checklist, October	132 00	
E. Barron	45 00	
P. Hill	35 00	
A. Spalding	45 00	
		$ 802 75

Planning

Appropriation	$1,100 00	
Union Leader reimbursement	73 05	
	$1,173 05	

Expended:		
Blueprint file	$113 00	
Letter file	45 00	
Fees	3 80	
Printing	50 45	
Postage	169 45	
Mailing	111 45	
Soil map payment	500 00	
Advertising	396 28	
		$ 1,389 43

Zoning

Appropriation	$250 00	
Expended:		
Advertising	$103 60	
Postage	54 00	
		$ 157 60

Recreation

Appropriation	$1,600 00	
Various sources	905 50	
	$2,505 50	
Expended:		
Tennis	$689 85	
Tables	105 75	
Swimming lessons	500 00	
Skating	268 41	
Basketball	285 32	
Baseball	480 24	
Volley ball	62 90	
Telephone	18 10	
		$ 2,410 57

Tree Care

Appropriation	$3,375 00	
Dwight Richardson	20 00	
	$3,395 00	

Expended:		
Bartlett Tree, spray	$ 446 00	
Bartlett Tree, care	659 50	
Oliver Merrill, care	482 50	
Oliver Merrill, common	1,200 00	
Willis Maloon, loam	37 50	
New trees	170 95	
Granite State Feeds	110 00	
State of New Hampshire	150 00	
Allen Howard, care	60 00	
Tenney Clough, Care	55 45	
		$ 3,371 90

Insurance

Appropriation	$5,500 00	
Expended:		
Henderson Whaland		$ 5,514 45

Civil Defense

Appropriation	$450 00	
Expended:		
U. S. Civil Defense, dues	$ 7 50	
Nashua Supply	356 50	
Mack's Men's Shop	75 60	
Miscellaneous expenses	11 88	
		$ 451 48

Police Department

Appropriation	$13,600 00	
Bike tag	170 00	
Accident reports	15 00	
Pistol permits	32 00	
	$13,817 00	
Expended:		
Dr. Tigchelaar	$ 7 00	
Copier	25 00	
Office supplies	7 50	
File	60 00	
Radio	200 00	
Typewriter	47 00	

Target supplies	23 95	
Bike tags	194 75	
Horace Greeley	20 84	
Savage's, uniforms	19 90	
Somes, uniforms	191 60	
Mack's Men's Shop	395 82	
Mores Men's Shop	306 50	
Trainor Uniforms	639 50	
Paul Young, police room	309 96	
Maxfield Press, printing	66 00	
Advertising	50 70	
Telephone	78 57	
Valley Auto Parts	34 78	
Radio repairs	252 85	
Auto Electric	19 46	
Donald Bourdon, Chief	2,984 30	
Arthur Merrill	1,281 83	
Norman Clark	2,171 90	
Howard French	1,868 58	
William Morrison	2,094 55	
Richard French	1,386 25	
Louise Simmons	749 75	
Marie Grella	54 45	
Henry Crook	49 60	
Bruce Clark	1,065 10	
Howard Ferris	1,342 90	
Arthur Tovey	778 70	
	———	$18,779 59

Town Hall

Appropriation	$2,500 00	
Rentals	503 00	
Sale of furniture	616 25	
	———	
	$3,619 25	
Expended:		
Wreaths	$ 16 00	
Town clock	50 00	

Tables	178 00	
People's Laundry	16 50	
Chairs	378 00	
Lights	298 40	
Phone	326 24	
Gas	26 94	
Rubbish	27 00	
Water	35 31	
Repairs	68 40	
Oil	650 24	
Christmas lights	29 07	
Supply	133 26	
Charles Reynolds	709 22	
Dean Martin	7 28	
		$ 2,949 86

Fire Department

Appropriation	$10,900 00	
Meeting refund	12 00	
	$10,912 00	
Expended:		
Salaries	$1,600 00	
Fire Bills	3,044 78	
Utilities	995 09	
Fire Alarm	178 25	
Gas and Repairs	1,027 39	
Hose	2,000 00	
Supplies and Equip.	1,032 56	
Reserve Fund	1,000 00	
Training	40 50	
Maintenance	55 98	
		$10,974 55

Health

Appropriation	$550 00	
Expended:		
James Starke, salary	$100 00	
Souhegan Nursing	400 00	

Nashua Telegraph	58 80	
James Starke, expenses	50 00	
		$ 608 80

Vital Statistics

Appropriation	$100 00	
Expended:		
Catherine Kruger		$ 84 50

Oiling

Appropriation	$18,310 00	
Expended:		
Labor	$ 3,841 90	
Equipment rental	6,960 99	
Materials	11,719 63	
		$22,522 52

Dumps

Appropriation	$1,500 00	
Expended:		
Labor	$ 791 75	
Equipment rentals	1,268 20	
Exterminators	240 00	
		$ 2,299 95

Winter Maintenance

Appropriation	$28,000 00	
Amherst Village District	70 00	
M. Arnold	12 50	
State of N. H.	648 60	
	$28,731 10	
Expended:		
Labor	$10,274 10	
Equipment rentals	18,074 42	
Repairs and equipment	4,845 44	
Materials	10,439 31	
		$43,633 27

Summer Maintenance

Appropriation	$14,360 00	
Trustees of the Trust Funds	120 66	
M. Riccitelli	32 50	
Young Inc.	35 00	
A. Riccitelli	248 27	
	$14,796 43	
Expended:		
Labor	$7,439 72	
Equipment rentals	4,593 65	
Materials and supplies	3,008 68	
		$15,042 05

Town Road Aid

Appropriation	$1,754 76	
Expended:		
State of N. H.		$ 1,754 76

Street Lights

Appropriation	$2,900 00	
Expended:		
Public Service of N. H.		$ 3,058 38

Libraries

Appropriation	$7,906 67	
Expended:		
E. Danile Johnson, Treas.		$ 7,906 67

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	$5,000 00	
Recovery	3,573 83	
	$8,573 83	
Expended:		
State of New Hampshire		$ 1,477 32

Town Poor

Appropriation	$1,500 00	
Expended:		
Case 1	$ 15 00	
Case 2	14 52	
Case 3	80 00	
Case 4	477 65	
Case 5	100 32	
Case 6	15 80	
Administration	250 00	
	———————	$ 953 29

General Expenses of the Highway

Appropriation	$3,000 00	
Town of Mont Vernon	244 00	
O. Merrill	2,472 50	
Lorden Lumber	91 00	
A. Riccitelli	26 00	
H. Anderson	25 00	
W. Kelley	208 00	
Chadwick & BaRoss Inc.	794 37	
W. Maloon	40 00	
E. Thibodeau	200 00	
G. Riley	25 00	
State of New Hampshire	403 80	
	———————	
	$7,529 67	
Expended:		
Repairs	$4,566 68	
Fuel	2,090 80	
Signs	992 91	
Town barn	721 66	
Miscellaneous expenses	565 84	
Grader Fund	1,000 00	
	———————	$ 9,937 89

Soldiers' Aid

Appropriation	$500 00	
Expended:		
Case No. 1		$ 200 00

Memorial Day

Appropriation	$300 00	
Expended:		
Vincent Ferdinando, band	$175 00	
Amherst School, band	25 00	
Laszlo Kertesz	25 00	
Rodney Woodman	22 50	
		$ 247 50

Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriation	$1,600 00	
Expended:		
Labor	$1,406 30	
Equipment rentals	222 90	
Supplies and materials	81 99	
		$ 1,711 19

Cemeteries

Appropriation	$2,765 00	
Trustees of trust funds	4,759 17*	
	$7,524 17	
Expended:		
Labor	$3,724 25	
Equipment rentals	590 90	
Repairs and materials	3,071 12	
		$ 7,386 27

* Due from Trustees

Damages and Legal Expenses

Appropriation	$3,000 00
Dog license fees	1,796 95
	$4,796 95

Expended:		
Howard French, dog officer	$ 100 00	
Heidi Seeling, dog damage	6 00	
Postage	6 00	
Printing	45 00	
C. J. Lincoln, counsel	1,571 00	
Wheeler and Clark	64 78	
N. H. Humane Society	11 50	
Advertising	10 50	
		$ 1,814 78

Trustees of Trust Funds

Perpetual care	$ 950 00	
Sale of lots	500 00	
Flowers	22 00	
Burials	450 00	
	$1,922 00	
Expended:		
Perpetual care	950 00	
Annual care	522 00	
		*$1,472 00

*Due trustees of trust funds $450.00

Interest

Appropriation	$1,000 00	
Expended:		
Souhegan National Bank		$4,304 86

Brick School

Appropriation	$2,800 00	
Income – Jack & Jill	1,380 00	
Scouts	100 00	
Hans Olansen	31 00	
	$4,311 00	
Expended:		
Frank Peno	$ 25 00	
Draper Fuel, repairs	91 31	

Village District	33 36	
John Bowler, janitor	343 48	
Charles Reynolds, janitor	509 33	
Ed Hallet, repairs	162 76	
R. Going, repairs	32 44	
Supplies	38 59	
Public Service	287 19	
Terrien Roofing	2,277 27	
Rochester Germicide	136 50	
R. Martel	100 45	
		$ 4,037 68

Mapping

Appropriation	$ 50 00	
Income, sale of maps	166 25	
	$216 25	
Expended:		
Tech Design, service	$65 67	
W. R. Nolte, maps	71 50	
Reg. of Deeds, fees	55 05	
James Sewell, supplies	47 50	
Graphic Printing	48 00	
		$ 287 72

Conservation Commission

Appropriation	$500 00	
Expended:		
Anthony Matarazzo	$600 00	
Society of the Protection of Forest	35 00	
		$ 635 00

Communication Center

Appropriation	$5,100 00	
Expended:		
Town of Milford		$5,399 98

Hydrant Rental

Appropriation	$1,810 00	
Expended:		
Amherst Village District	$1,690 00	
Milford Public Works	120 00	
		$ 1,810 00

Article No. 5 — Tennis Courts

Appropriation	$1,500 00	
Income	2,500 00	
	$4,000 00	
Expended:		
F. Tenney Clough		$ 4,000 00

Article No. 6 — Road Improvement

Appropriation	$5,000 00	
Expended:		
Labor	$ 802 30	
Equipment Rental	1,090 90	
Material	3,138 02	
		$ 5,031 22

Article No. 7 — Cross Road

Appropriation	$2,100 00	
Expended:		
Equipment	$ 402 00	
Material	1,697 98	
		$ 2,099 98

Article No. 8 — West Street

Appropriation	$875 00	
Expended:		
Equipment Rental	$216 00	
Material	114 05	
		$ 330 05

Article No. 14 — Regional Planning

Appropriation	$570 00	
Expended:		
Nashua Region Planning		$ 659 55

Article No. 15 — Bridge		
Balance of 1968 Approp.	$6,715 00	
1969 Appropriation	7,660 00	
Sale of Old Bridge	54 28	
	$14,429 28	
Expended:		
D. Bourdon	$ 16 00	
W. J. Kelley, Water Main	3,200 00	
		$ 3,216 00
Article No. 16 — Fire House		
Appropriation	$3,000 00	
Expended:		
Trustees of Trust Funds		$ 3,000 00
Article No. 17 of 1968 Sidewalk		
Appropriation	$1,200 00	
Expended:		
Manchester Paving		$ 1,200 00
Truck Loan		
Income		
(Bal. due town $6,706.01)	$3,027 60	
Expended:		
Jack's Motor Sale		$ 9,733 61
Autos		
Income	$54,165 33	
Expended:		
Catherine Kruger	$3,526 00	
Expenses	10 70	
		$ 3,536 70
Taxes Bought by Town		
Expended:		
Registry of Deeds, Fees	$ 109 85	
B. Landry:		
Postage and Expenses	343 40	
Collector	5,661 46	
		$ 6,114 71
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds		
Expended:		$ 2,987 19

Retirement and Social Security

Appropriation	$1,500 00	
Income from Depts.	1,156 31	
	$2,656 31	
Expended:		
Catherine Kruger	$ 100 00	
State of N. H.	2,445 35	
		$ 2,545 35

Temporary Loans

Anticipation Notes	$200,000 00	
Expended:		
Souhegan National Bank		$200,000 00

Head Tax Payments

Expended:		
State of N. H.	$10,340 60	
Commissions	967 20	
		$11,307 80

Yield Taxes

Expended:	
State of N. H.	$ 499 99

County Tax

County of Hillsborough	$50,797 79

Amherst Village District

Appropriation	$2,128 09	
Expended:		
Amherst Village District		$ 2,128 09

School District of Amherst

Balance of 1968-1969 Approp.	$ 117,000 00	
1969-1970 Appropriation	924,413 99	
	$1,041,413 99	
Expended:		
1968-1969 Appropriation	$117,000 00	
1969-1970 Appropriation	726,413 99	
Balance Due $198,000.00		$843,413 99

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY AGENT

The following is a summarized report of this department's activities during 1969.

Winter Maintenance $43,633.27

The Winter Maintenance program covers all the Highway Department work from about December first to the middle of March. All road clearing due to snow and ice storms is charged to this account. We now have 94 miles of road to care for with six hired trucks with plows, 1 Town tractor, 1 Town truck and the grader. We try to give school bus routes and areas where children walk in the streets to school special attention. Also we have to clear snow from sidewalks on Foundry Street and Boston Post Road North, as well as snow removal from both Wilkins and Clark schools, the Fire Station, Library, old Brick School and Town Hall.

The other main work load in the winter consists of cutting trees and brush. Areas where future construction is contemplated are more economically cleared in the winter as it is possible to burn all brush on the site and eliminate costly hauling to the dump area. During the winter 1969-1970 brush and trees are being cut on Thornton Ferry No. 2, Boston Post Road South, Spring Road and Chestnut Hill Road.

Each year Winter Maintenance cost increases and this is due to increased mileage, cost of rental equipment, cost of salt and the type of services that is demanded in a bedroom town. A prime example would be a comparison to the 1960 Winter Maintenance budget. A total of $16,295.90 was spent in 1960 as compared to $43,633.27 in 1969. Other comparisons would be truck rental from $4.80 in 1960 to $7.20 in 1969; labor costs $1.50 per hour in 1960 to 2.25 per hour in 1969; Salt 118 tons were used in 1960 at a cost of $2,360 as compared to 767 tons at a cost of $10,093.64 in 1969. Finally about 30 miles of roads have been added to our road system since 1960.

The purchase of a Town truck and power sander in 1969 will help in the future to keep these costs down and still provide the type of service necessary.

Summer Maintenance $15,042.05

All general maintenance from about the middle of March to December is covered under this account. Included is the grading and use of the York rake on 38 gravel roads several times, cutting banks and ditches, spot graveling, the maintenance and replacement of culverts, setting posts, signs etc. on all roads. Also the maintenance of shoulders throughout the black road system (64 miles) and the machine and hand cutting of brush in the summer.

In 1969 several roads were improved, they include spot graveling of Jones Road, Mack Hill Road, Lynch Farm Rd., Brook Rd., Grater Rd. and Old Manchester Rd. Culverts were replaced on the Lyndeboro Road (3). Bloody Brook Road (1), Eaton Road (1), New Boston Road (2), Old Mont Vernon Road (2), Horace Greeley Road (1), Thornton Ferry No. 1 (1), Brook Road (1), Merrimack Road (1) and Christian Hill Road (1). Two weeks were spent hand cutting brush and limbs on Baboosic Lake Road. Brush was cut by Machine on approximately 72 miles of road. Many hours were spent cleaning out culverts and replacing street and traffic signs. The painting of yellow lines on the Boston Post Road North and South was accomplished and it is hoped this program can be expanded in 1970.

Oiling $22,522.52

Under this account 13.4 miles of road was surfaced including New Boston Road, Old Mont Vernon Road, Boston Post Road North, Mont Vernon Road, Christian Hill Road, Green Road, Eaton Road, Wilkins Road, Boston Post Road South in part, Miles Road, the upper end of Mack Hill, Upham Road, Court House Road and all streets in the Village. Shoulders on the Walnut Hill Road were also oiled. 4800 feet of the Merrimack Rd. west end were mixed and placed.

The cost of patching all blackroads (64 miles) and sweeping of all roads to be re-oiled is covered under the oiling appropriation. Also 8000 gal. of waste oil was applied to gravel roads where dust was a problem.

Town Road Aid $13,453.16

T.R.A. is a program started in 1947 by the state to help

small Towns improve their roads. Money for this account is based on a 15% town cost 85% state aid Supervision is done by the state highway department and the Road Agent. Under this account money was spent on the following roads: Jones Road (1500') gravel was applied, road mixed and placed and received a sealer coat; Thornton Ferry No. 2 (2000') trees were cut, banks cut, culvert installed and 12" base of gravel was applied; County Road (800') gravel was applied; Old Manchester Road (1000') trees cut, culvert installed, banks cut and 12" base gravel applied; Chestnut Hill Road (rebuilding project) 2 culverts were installed. Work will be continued on the latter four roads and it is hoped that these projects will be completed in 1970.

Dumps $2,299.95

The money under this account was spent to provide a dump custodian, to gravel the upper area at the Town Dump several times during the year and for rat control. Because of the steadly increased use of the dump area it was necessary to hire a bulldozer several times during 1969 to grade and cover the dumping area.

Parks and Playgrounds $1,711.19

Money under this account is spent to maintain eight Town Commons, two playgrounds the Old Brick School Yard and the Clark and Wilkins School Yards. Some work at the Library is under this account. This work consists of raking and picking up leaves, mowing and trimming the grass, care of the park fence and the constant picking up of paper from the lawns.

A new playground area on the Boston Post Road South was mowed twice and this will receive regular care in 1970. Also 120 feet of 12" pipe was installed at Spaulding playground to improve the playing area of one baseball diamond.

Cemeteries $7,386.27

Money for this account was spent to maintain the four cemeteries: Meadowview, the Old Cemetery by the Town Hall, Cricket Corner Cemetery and the Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

Some of the work accomplished this year other than the regular raking, mowing and trimming of all cemeteries was rebuilding lots, resetting granite curbs, grading depressions and trimming some trees at Meadow and Cricket Corner Cemeteries. Special attention was given the 53 perpetual care lots and funds for this work was received from the perpetual care fund. The program for replacing broken grave stones and markers was continued and 16 new stones were installed in 1969.

Other work this year included the rebuilding of the fence at the Cricket Corner Cemetery and the instalation of drainage pipes and catch basins at the Meadowview. This cemetery was also subject to vandalism by unknown persons and stones tipped over and some broken on 29 lots. Cost of repairing damage came to $732.00

Article $5,000.00

Money for this article was used to purchase 240' of 18" culvert pipe to replace old stone culverts on our black road system. Also money was spent to improve sections of the Old Milford Road, Nichols Road and the Lyndeborough Road. Work included cutting trees and brush, cutting banks and applying base gravel. The section of roads improved were impassible during spring thawing.

A complete study was made by the road agent, road commission and the Selectmen into highway department equipment needs and rental practices. As a result a dump truck and power sander were purchased and payment of this equipment is coming from present budget accounts. A saving of $1,040.00 per year is anticipated and this amount has been deducted from the increases in the 1970 budget.

In closing this report, I would like to thank the Selectmen and Road Commission for their guidance and help in 1969 and the taxpayers of Amherst for their support of the Department programs. Any comments and suggestion on how your Highway Department can better serve you are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD G. CROCKER, Road Agent

AMHERST FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The following is a summarized report of the department's activities and expenditures during the past year.

1. Salaries: $1,600.00 – forty men at $25.00 per year. This is payment for men attending 12 regular meetings and 12 practice sessions with their engine companies. Three Captains at $15.00 each per year; three lieutenants at $10.00 each per year; two assistants at $100.00 each per year; one Fire Chief at $200.00 per year and one janitor at $125.00 per year.

2. Fires: $2,900.00. Your fire department responded to 63 calls in 1969 as compared to 75 calls in 1968. The types of calls were:

Brush	14
Buildings	3
Dump	2
Chimney	4
Car & Accident	13
Electrical	4
Miscellaneous	11
Mutual Aid	9
Gas & Oil Burner	3

We were called out of town for Mutual Aid 9 times and received Mutual Aid 10 times.

Engine One: Captain: David Hanlon – Lieutenant: Marshall Strickland. This engine responded to 29 calls in 1969.

Engine Two: Captain: John Bowler – Lieutenant: Edward Houck. This engine responded to 51 calls in 1969. This truck is used for most out of town mutual aid calls.

Engine Three: Captain: Robert Hall – Lieutenant: Roy Maston. This engine responded to 46 calls in 1969.

3. Hose: $2,000.00. This account was used to purchase 2½ inch hose. We now have a small reserve built up.

4. Supplies and Equipment: $800.00. This account was used for miscellaneous items to run the fire station; hand lights, coats, helmets, boots and two second hand radioes.

The fire department now has an all wheel drive 1960 In-

ternational truck, which was donated by a former member of the department. This truck has been put in good mechanical shape by the men of the department who not only donated their time but also paid for most of the cost of parts. A new tank and pump have also been installed. This truck will be a valuable piece of equipment to the town especially at brush fires that are far from the road.

To report a fire dial 673-3131. This is the phone number of the communication center which handles all fire calls for Amherst, Milford, and Mont Vernon 24 hours a day. Give the property owner's name, the street name and the town when reporting a fire.

In closing this report we would like to express our thanks to the officers and members of the three engine companies for their time and effort put forth toward accomplishing the work of the department. Also to the people who donated to this year's Fireman's Ball which added over $1,000.00 to the relief fund.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES DUVAL, Chief
RICHARD CROCKER,
First Assistant
JOHN HANLON,
Second Assistant

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

Less fortunate than our northern towns, we had too many fires. Carelessness in burning trash and discarding smoking material and children playing with fire caused most of the fires. Your Forest Fire Warden's job would be easier if everyone understood the State laws that govern the kindling of outdoor fires. A synopsis of these laws follows:

Fire Permit

A *fire permit* is needed for all outdoor fires in or near

woodland anytime the ground is not covered with snow. This includes household waste burning, even if in an incinerator, grass burning, garden trash as well as brush burning. Such burning is restricted by regulation to be *prior to 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.*

Exceptions

Commercial or industrial burning is allowed anytime under normal conditions with permission of the District Chief and a permit from the Fire Warden.

Camp or cooking fires are allowed on your own property with permission of the Fire Warden. On another's property with written permission of the landowner and permission of the Fire Warden. The Warden can forbid such fires if in a hazardous area. Permits for cooking fires in the White Mountain National Forest can be obtained from the Laconia Office or at the Ranger Stations. Permits are not required in public camp or picnic grounds where fireplaces have been built for this purpose.

Penalties

1. For kindling a fire without a permit. Maximum of $200.00 fine; or imprisonment for not more than 60 days.
2. For kindling a fire by any means wilfully or recklessly that shall endanger woodlands the maximum fine is $500.00 or one year's imprisonment.
3. For failure to totally extinguish a camp or cooking fire before leaving it the same penalties as in (1) above.
4. For dropping inflammable material in or near woodland, maximum fine is $25.00.

Fire prevention is a personal matter and a good habit. Keep our town free from smokes in 1970.

Fires reported – State 453
Fires reported – District 95

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD, District Chief
CHARLES DUVAL, Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES
1969

The Cemetery Trustees are charged with the responsibility of administering the affairs of the cemeteries of the Town.

This body is made up of one of the Selectmen, one of the Trustees of Tust Funds, and one other interested citizen of the Town.

The day to day supervision and carrying out of all duties is under the direction of the Road Agent and his staff.

Income from sources as shown on the accompanying financial report is accumulated in the Cemetery Trustees Fund to be used from time to time to defray the cost of cemetery additions and major improvements.

During 1965 a sizable addition was made on the west end of Meadowview Cemetery at a cost of approximately $9,000.00. Of this amount, $5,000.00 was paid from funds which had accumulated in the Cemetery Trustees Fund up to that point of time. The balance, in the amount of $4,000.00, was advanced by the Town. The amount advanced by the Town has been repaid to the Town from funds accumulated since then.

It is apparent to your Cemetery Trustees that further additions and major improvements will be needed.

The funds to finance these projects will come from the sources as outlined in the accompanying financial report.

In addition to these funds, there are certain Unrestricted Cemetery Funds under the jurisdiction of the Trustees of Trust Funds. These amounts are shown in the Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds.

We understand that it is the intention of the Trustees of Trust Funds to earmark the income from the Unrestricted Cemetery Funds to finance additions and major improvements to the Town cemeteries.

A projection of what this funding might look like in five years' time follows.

	Unrestricted Cemetery Trust Funds	Cemetery Trustees Fund	Total
Balance, December 31, 1969	$ 3,344.83	$ 2,051.86	$ 5,396.69
Income from Investments	7,000.00		7,000.00
Income from Sale of Lots, annual care, and funeral services		6,000.00	6,000.00
Balance, December 31, 1974	$10,344.83	$ 8,051.86	$18,396.69

It is obvious from the foregoing that the funds mentioned herein may be used to defray current costs of maintaining the cemeteries or may be used as outlined to defray the cost of additions and major improvements. The latter alternative has the effect of avoiding large appropriations in any one year for capital additions. This same result is obtained when equal additions, by appropriation, are made to the Grader Fund, the Fire Truck Fund and the Southern Fire District Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMON W. ANDERSON
EDWARD J. MARCHILDON
DAVID T. RAMSAY
Cemetery Trustees

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES
For the Calendar Years 1966 through 1969

	Savings Account	Checking Account	Total
Balance December 31, 1965	$ 1.20	$ 11.00	$ 12.20
Income:			
Interest	33.16		
Sale of Lots		300.00	
Annual Care		172.00	
Funeral Services		678.00	

Paid to Town of Amherst re:			
Loan for Cemetery Addition		(1,150.00)	
Balance December 31, 1966	$ 34.36	$ 11.00	$ 45.36
Balance December 31, 1966	$ 34.36	$ 11.00	$ 45.36
Income:			
Interest	1.66		
Sale of Lots		400.00	
Annual Care		77.00	
Sale of Equip. & Misc.		110.00	
Funeral Services		610.00	
Paid to Town of Amherst re:			
Loan for Cemetery Addition		(1,000.00)	
Balance December 31, 1967	$ 36.02	$ 208.00	$ 244.02
Balance December 31, 1967	$ 36.02	$ 208.00	$ 244.02
Income:			
Interest	2.04		
Sale of Lots		800.00	
Annual Care		277.00	
Funeral Services		645.00	
Paid to Town of Amherst re:			
Loan for Cemetery Addition		(950.00)	
Balance December 31, 1968	$ 38.06	$ 980.00	$1,018.06
Balance December 31, 1968	$ 38.06	$ 980.00	$1,018.06
Income:			
Interest	1.80		
Sale of Lots		500.00	
Annual Care		22.00	
Sale of Equipment		10.00	
Funeral Services		500.00	
Balance December 31, 1969	$ 39.86	$2,012.00	$2,051.86

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on Dec. 31, 1969

No. of Shares or Other Units	HOW INVESTED Description of Investment	PRINCIPAL						INCOME
			ADDITIONS					
		Balance Beginning Year	Purchase	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Balance End Year	Market Value Dec. 31 1969	Income During Year
	PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS							
1,067	Broad Street Investing Corporation	$ 10,739.83	$	$1,008.99	$	$ 11,748.82	$ 15,476.76	$ 490.65
1,477	Chemical Fund, Inc.	9,883.96				9,883.96	29,229.83	487.41
855	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	8,353.97		1,553.38	10.54	9,896.81	14,364.00	453.15
2,789	National Investors Corporation	8,217.85		831.73		9,049.58	23,424.95	390.42
516	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund, Inc.	8,867.93		385.77	10.77	9,242.93	13,514.04	198.39
1,421	Puritan Fund, Inc.	12,566.78		493.92	5.88	13,054.82	13,826.33	677.18
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00	603.98
	Concord Savings Bank	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00	603.96
	Manchester Federal Savings and Loan Association	9,797.59	$ 202.41			10,000.00	10,000.00	509.12
	Manchester Savings Bank	9,794.94	(9,794.94)			none		208.26
	Manchester Savings Bank	9,897.42	5,102.58			15,000.00	15,000.00	651.92
	Manchester Savings Bank	1,727.34	(1,727.34)			none		36.72
	Merchants Savings Bank	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00	516.13
	New Hampshire Savings Bank	6,835.37	6,419.70			13,255.07	13,255.07	460.14
	Souhegan National Bank	3,800.00				3,800.00	3,800.00	154.45
	Souhegan National Bank — checking account	275.36	(175.22)			100.14	100.14	
	TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS	$130,758.34	$ 27.19	$4,273.79	$ 27.19	$135,032.13	$181,991.12	$6,441.88
	INCOME INVESTMENTS							
488	Fidelity Fund, Inc.	4,846.34		886.78	7.72	5,725.40	8,198.40	1,145.42
2,188	National Dividend Series Fund		12,504.52	994.00	4.00	13,494.52	8,992.68	1,455.36
	Manchester Savings Bank	11,187.03	180.42		9,000.00	2,367.45	2,367.45	180.42
	TOTAL INCOME INVESTMENTS	$ 16,033.37	12,684.94	1,880.78	9,011.72	$ 21,587.37	$ 19,558.53	2,781.20
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS	$146,791.71	$12,712.13	$6,154.57	$9,038.91	$156,619.50	$201,549.65	$9,223.08

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1969

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
			Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Percent	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
	Common Trust Fund										
1927	Emma L. Clark	Library	$ 812.77		$ 27.99	$ 840.76	$ 40.26		$ 42.19	$ 40.26	$ 42.19
1945	James Day	Library	9,752.23		335.62	10,087.85	482.72		505.88	482.72	505.88
1923	Fannie Parsons French	Library	1,625.43		55.94	1,681.37	80.46		84.32	80.46	84.32
1928	George W. George	Library	812.77		27.99	840.76	40.26		42.19	40.26	42.19
1902	Edmund M. Parker	Library	1,625.43		55.94	1,681.37	80.46		84.32	80.46	84.32
1957	Anna H. Mosher	Library	2,964.61		81.16	3,045.77	116.73		122.33	116.73	122.33
1942	David E. Fisk	Highway	2,438.03		83.89	2,521.92	120.66		126.45	120.66	126.45
1867	Aaron Lawrence	School	2,438.03		83.89	2,521.92	120.66		126.45	120.66	126.45
1867	Sarah L. Lawrence	School	812.77		27.99	840.76	40.26		42.19	40.26	42.19
1876	Isaac Spalding	School	14,425.25		496.44	14,921.69	714.03		748.29	714.03	748.29
1964	Bradford-Long-Miles-Sullivan Scholarship	School	8,952.76		240.19	9,192.95	639.16		412.93	275.00	777.09
1932	George W. Putnam	Cemetery	1,625.43		55.94	1,681.37	394.96		139.39		534.35
1938	Alice M. Wilkins	Cemetery	3,250.74		111.89	3,362.63	733.11		271.00		1,004.11
Various	Perpetual care-unrestricted	Cemetery	8,259.89		269.51	8,529.40	2,623.30		922.24	1,739.17	1,806.37
Various	Perpetual care-restricted	Cemetery	70,962.20		2,319.41	73,281.61	15,797.71		5,552.91	3,026.00	18,324.62
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS			$130,758.34		$4,273.79	$135,032.13	$22,024.74		$9,223.08	$6,876.67	$24,371.15
	Separately Invested Funds										
Various	Perpetual care	Cemetery	$ 4,750.00	$ 950.00		$ 5,700.00	$ 280.69		$ 202.37		$ 483.06
Various	Town of Amherst	Fire Truck	2,000.00	1,000.00		3,000.00	56.93		105.21		162.14
Various	Town of Amherst	Grader		1,000.00		1,000.00					
Various	Town of Amherst	Fire Dist.		3,000.00		3,000.00					
1969	Other — Hare Fund	Scholarship		100.00		100.00			1.02		1.02
TOTAL SEPARATELY INVESTED TRUST FUNDS			$ 6,750.00	$6,050.00		$ 12,800.00	$ 337.62		$ 308.60		$ 646.22
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS			$137,508.34	$6,050.00	$4,273.79	$147,832.13	$22,362.36		$9,531.68	$6,876.67	$25,017.37

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

As we enter the 1970's, the Town Tree Program, begun in 1952, marks its eighteenth year. This program, initiated to maintain the trees which line our village streets, has contributed greatly to retaining and increasing the colonial atmosphere for which Amherst is known.

During 1969, the project of rehabilitating the main common, started in 1962, was completed. It is interesting to note that, just 102 years ago in the Spring of 1867, the town was engaged in a similar activity. At that time, the citizens brought soil in dump carts and planted trees. In 1866, the fence was planned, and in the early 1800s this common was the scene of many musters.

In the coming years, much more can be done to preserve and enhance the beauty which is our heritage. Replacement of dead and diseased trees must continue, other commons require building up, salting for snow and ice control on roadways should be replaced, and littering made less prevalent. Obviously, some of these areas require the concern and cooperation of all the townspeople, and suggestions for other improvements will be welcome.

My sincere thanks to everyone for their cooperation during my ten years on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD BERLACK
ALLAN HOWARD
F. TENNEY CLOUGH, Chairman

January 15, 1970

AMHERST TREE COMMITTEE REPORT – 1969

	1969 Approp.	1969 Expend.	1970 Budget
Spraying A. Dormant Spray — April Elm Trees in Village B. Cover Spray — May Elm Trees in Village and Ponemah	$ 425.00	$ 446.00	$ 450.00
Planting — Trees and Shrubs in Village — includes preparing ground, stock, mulching and watering.	350.00	241.90	350.00
Trimming and Tree Care — Town Trees in Village. Pruning and programmed selective feeding.	800.00	657.50	500.00
Tree Removal — Cutting, removal and disposing of diseased Village elms and maples. Removal of diseased elms cut down by private property owners.	450.00	676.50	750.00
Blister Rust	150.00	150.00	150.00
Common — Reloaming, fertilizing and seeding.	1,200.00	1,200.00	500.00
	$3,375.00	$3,371.90	$2,700.00

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Town of Amherst

Blister Rust Control Area in Town	21,306 Acres
Pine Area	12,909 Acres
Area Detailed Mapped	4,614 Acres
Work coming up	1,509 Acres
Recommended Appropriation	$150 00

WALTER J. GILBERT,
District Supervisor
P.O. Box 162, Manchester, N. H.

Date: December 26, 1969

Work scheduled in your Town is in the following:
Blocks 47 - 52 - 53 - 56.

Work in 1969 was done in the following:
Blocks 27 - 28 - 42 - 58 - 64.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

(In compliance with Revised Statutes Annotated 202-A:12)

Financial Report — The report of the treasurer is appended.

Building and Grounds — In 1969, the expenditures were solely for ordinary maintenance.

Early in 1969 the trustees received with great regret the resignation of Mrs. Marion Nelson, librarian of Amherst Town Library for 19 years. Her long and devoted service and concern to and for the library are very deeply appreciated. And, again, the trustees accepted the resignation of Mrs. Janice Shethar, assistant librarian, a short time later. She, too, had given years of dedicated service.

The trustees were fortunate in gaining the services of Mrs. Betty Watson as the new librarian. Although new to Amherst, she has been able to take over the librarian's duties and challenges with efficiency and dedication. She has been greatly aided by Mrs. Cecelia Clough and Mrs. Patricia Cannaday.

The Book Selection Committee, composed of Mrs. Robert Sondrol, chairman; Mrs. Arnold Noyes, Mrs. William Lyle, Mrs. Stephen Farrington, Mr. Ronald Berlack, and Mrs. Watson, has striven to meet the ever-increasing needs and demands of a rapidly growing community. Its efforts and accomplishments are both valuable and appreciated.

The Friends of the Library, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Pierre Martin, have continued to supply the library with plants and flower arrangements. As part of that organization, Mrs. James Enright is in charge of a rotating art exhibit, and Mrs. Waid Ingham has been chairman of the always popular weekly Story Hour. There were two additional activities begun this year: a book-mending workshop, meeting twice monthly under the chairmanship of Mrs. Leland Gray, and a Discussion Group, which meets once a month to discuss books and ideas derived from them. Several money-raising projects were sponsored: a dessert-

bridge in May, and a performance by the Boston Children's Theatre on the village green in August, which was again a success. A Membership Coffee was held at the library in April, inviting the public to enjoy the library and introducing Mrs. Watson as the new librarian. Mrs. Charles Bacon has been in charge of publicity for the Friends.

In 1969, the trustees faced the realization of the great necessity to enlarge the library. There is no longer adequate room for anything, from books to Story Hour. Therefore, with the aid of an architect, Mr. Alexander Majeski of Bedford, plans are near completion for a 42-foot extension to the library. A grant for the building has been received from a private foundation, and a fund-raising drive in the town to augment this amount is underway and may be matched by the Bean Foundation. It is the hope of the trustees that this future addition will enable the library to more fully serve and meet the community needs.

The trustees wish to express their gratitude to all who have given to the library – whether it be time and interest, books or financial aid. And, as always, our deep appreciation to the librarians.

KATHLEEN WARE, Chairman
HELEN SONDROL
ELIZABETH WIGHT
MARION WILLISTON
BENJAMIN G. BUNDY
E. DANIEL JOHNSON

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Since becoming your librarian in mid-April, I have been endeavoring to become familiar with our book collection and to get acquainted with our patrons – their likes, activities and interests. The Library is here to serve everyone in the community from the pre-schooler to the octogenarian. Through your requests and comments, we learn where we need to increase our collection to better serve you. We have the services and collections of the New Hampshire State Library and its affiliated libraries throughout New Hampshire to offer our patrons. In 1969 we borrowed approximately 200 state books to fill special requests.

Other statistics for the year include:

Circulation	
Adult Fiction	8,739
Adult Non-fiction	4,359
Juvenile	10,453
Magazines	1,643
Records	1,873
Total for 1969	27,067
New Patrons Added	324
New Books Added	769

We wish to acknowledge gratefully the many gifts of money, books and magazines which were received during the year. Also, the librarians would like to express their appreciation for the efforts of the many volunteers who have helped throughout the year and the loyal support of the trustees in our many activities. We hope to continue to expand and increase our services to Amherst citizens throughout 1970.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY S. WATSON

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 5, 1970

1969 INCOME

Cash on hand Jan. 1. 1969	$ 112 21
Town Appropriation	7,906 67
Trustees of Trust Funds	840 89
Sam and Alys Warren Book Fund	56 36
Gifts for books, incl. $100 from State	198 95
State Library refund	118 23
Savings Bank Dividends	580 15
Book Fines	205 90
	$10,019 36
1969 Disbursements	9,949 97
General Fund Cash Balance Jan. 5, 1970	$ 69 39

DISBURSEMENTS and BUDGET

	1969 Budget	1969 Disbursements	1970 Budget
Books, Gen. Acct.	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,200.00
Warren Fund		56.36	
Gifts, State Rebate		317.18	
Fines		205.90	
Total spent for books		$3,579.44	
Magazines	150.00	174.59	200.00
Records	200.00	204.90	250.00
Supplies, Book Bindings	300.00	317.07	400.00
Librarians' Salaries	4,000.00	4,069.66	4,800.00
Custodian	200.00	192.00	300.00
Bldg. and Grounds	250.00	274.89	400.00
Parking Space		181.00	
Phone, Water, Electricity	300.00	294.69	400.00
Fuel	325.00	326.11	500.00
Library Meetings	40.00	49.30	60.00
Miscellaneous (Book Cart, etc.)		286.32	
	$8,765.00	$9,949.97	$10,510.00

We request a Town Appropriation as follows:

By Appropriation	$ 9,690 61
Jan. 5, 1970 Cash Balance	69 39
Trust Fund Dividends	750 00
	$10,510 00

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer

January 5, 1970

LIBRARY FUNDS IN POSSESSION OF TREASURER
JANUARY 5, 1970

		Paid	Balance
Balance Fines Acct. Jan. 1, 1969	$ 560.61		
1969 Fines	740.03		
	$1.300.64	$ 205.90	$1.094.74
Sam and Alys Warren Fund			
Balance Jan. 1, 1969	$18.86		
1969 Dividends	93.28		
	$112.14	56.36	55.78
Cash Balance in Gen. Acct.			69.39
Cash in Souhegan Checking Acct. Jan. 5, 1970			$1,219.91

The following unrestricted gifts deposited in savings accounts:

Mary B. Upham Gift	$ 675.44
Fannie E. Weston Gift	133.96
Anna H. Mosher Gifts	800.00
Jennifer Carlsmith Memorial Fund	130.02
Accumulated Dividends	369.83
	$2,159.25

Building Fund:	
Deposited in Savings Banks	$ 8,151.00
Treasury Notes	50,000.00
Total Cash collected to date	$58,151.00

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL

During the past year a total of 218 permits have been received and processed and can be tabulated as follows:

New Private Dwellings	120
Additions and Alterations	46
Parking Garages	14
Signs	17
Utility Out-buildings	5
Trailers	1
Non-residential Structures	7
Swimming Pools	8

Of these sixteen were either denied or referred to the Board of Adjustment. The estimated cost recorded on the applications are as follows:

New Private Dwellings	$2,861,900
Additions and Alterations	75,650
Parking Garages	22,950
Utility Out-buildings	5,100
Non-residential Structures	75,850
Swimming Pools	32,500

CHESTER McGRATH,
Zoning Administrator

1969 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment held thirteen meetings during 1969. All meetings are usually held at the Brick School on the first Monday of each month and are open to the public.

Thirteen cases were presented to the Board for their action with eleven cases requesting Variances, one a Special Exception, and one a Temporary Use Permit. Seven requests were granted, four were denied, and two were withdrawn.

All requests were duly posted at the Town Hall and Post Office and were advertised in "The Milford Cabinet" in accordance with the Amherst Zoning Ordinance.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Paul Antonelli, Chairman
Roger Brown, Secretary
Howard Boothroyd
Jack Lindabury
Edward Noyes Jr.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
STEPHEN NOBLE

PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR 1969

For the first time in more than several years the Planning Board has been able to devote the major portion of its activity to planning, rather than to the administration of subdivision regulations. The Board notes with interest and a degree of satisfaction that a previously almost uncontrollable rate of growth in subdivision, and subsequent home building, has slowed down to a pace where the Real Estate tax base can more nearly match the cost of municipal service requirements. This is not to infer that Utopia has been reached in Amherst; far from it. Many factors are responsible. Your Planning Board is continuing to search out means for an orderly growth of our community – in the best interests of all its citizens.

This year the Board held 12 regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, in addition to numerous subcommittee meetings, organizational meetings and instructional sessions. Also, three special meetings to consider subcommittee activity and prepare six articles for the town meeting ballot. These six articles, found elsewhere in the Town Report, represent the culmination of the Board's effort during 1969 to plan for the preservation of those desirable aspects of our town today, and to provide for its reasonably regulated growth in the future.

The six articles proposed: Flood Plain Zoning, Historic Districting of the Village Area, Historic Commission, Elimination of duplex houses in the rural area, Improved Road Planning within subdivision plats, and a completely revised Building Code, are the result of a joint effort by subcommittee activity, the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Commission, Town Counsel, and the Planning Board as a whole. This numbers many persons who actively engaged in planning for our community this year. At this point, we would like to thank the more than 450 interested citizens who took the time to return a questionnaire sent out by a sub-committee of the Board, to seek their opinion and suggestions as related to zoning

and planning. The tabulated results of this questionnaire played a significant part in the development of our six proposed articles. We also would like to encourage all citizens of Amherst to contribute to the preservation and development of their community by volunteering services, knowledge, suggestions, ideas, etc.

In conjunction with the proposal that duplex homes be eliminated in the rural area, the Board feels strongly that plans should be made and townspeople made fully aware that it is time we consider a desirable form of multiple dwelling unit. This area of planning becomes a matter of social conscience to satisfy the needs of young married people as well as the older people who become unable physically or financially to maintain a single home. This will be a project for the coming year, as the Board awaits the results of the Regional Planning Board study in this area.

In conclusion, let it be noted that the effectiveness of successful planning for Amherst is dependent not only on the ability and qualifications and desires of the members of the Planning board, but more importantly on the dedication, interest, and support of the townspeople for whom the Board acts.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIOT LYON, SR., Chairman
HERBERT CAMPMAN, JR.
HAROLD EASTMAN
JOHN ENRIGHT
OLIVER MERRILL
RITA SIMPSON
MERIC ARNOLD, Selectman,
Ex-Officio

AMHERST CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Amherst citizens are well aware that the town's population is growing at an accelerating pace. Open land is disappearing rapidly as developers, builders and speculators buy it up in anticipation of future development needs.

Formed only four years ago, the Amherst Conservation Commission is sparking the efforts to retain strategically located plots of open land for present and future generations.

Acquisitions to date include:

1. The Great Meadows — approximately 50 acres of wetlands near the Wilkins School and the Village Green. This tract provides an excellent outdoor laboratory for the school, a prime wildlife area, and protection for the town's water supply. Total cost — less than $2,000, almost all being provided from private sources.

2. The Sherburne land — a gift of 10 acres from Max Sherburne on the banks of the Souhegan River adjoining the new school site. Located in the fast growing southern section of town, this property offers the potential for an outdoor laboratory for Amherst's next school, and a park or recreation site on the banks of the Souhegan River.

3. Acquisition of a one-acre site directly across the street from the Post Office. Again, this was a gift from interested citizens. Currently it is being used as a skating rink in winter and a recreation area in summer.

4. The Joe English Brook Reservation — This 80-acre tract at the end of Brook Road is the Commission's most ambitious project to date. Purchased for $30,000, the town took title to the property in October, 1969, after interested citizens had contributed the first year's payment of nearly $10,000. Approximately $17,000 has been raised or pledged toward the remaining cost — again all from private sources. Contributors include over 120 Amherst families. An article in the Town Warrant requests a $3,500 appropriation which, if passed, will be matched by a $1,750 contribution from

the Spaulding-Potter Trust and $5,000 from the Bean Fund. This project provides an excellent wildlife preserve that will be available for such uses as Boy and Girl Scout wilderness camping, nature trails, fishing, hiking, cross country skiing and just plain enjoyment of the outdoors. Better yet, the project has opened up opportunities for acquiring approximately 70 acres of adjacent land that will make a solid tract of 150 acres. Again, the prospects are that this additional land will be acquired at very small cost to the town.

In each case, this land is owned by the town with deed restrictions to insure that it will be maintained for conservation purposes. Acquisition costs to the town have been minimal because most of the land acquired to date has been received as a gift or paid for with private contributions. Maintenance costs will be very small because the land will remain primarily in its natural state, and volunteers will provide whatever labor is required.

Time is short and the cost is increasing but Amherst has made a solid start in preserving some of its woodlands, wetlands and open fields for future generations. We are in the forefront in this State in community conservation activities. Based on our experience to date, we can expect that a healthy partnership of interested groups and individuals, working through the Conservation Commission, will help to maintain Amherst as the most attractive town in New Hampshire.

AMHERST RECREATION COMMITTEE

The program of the Amherst Recreation Committee expanded and diversified considerably in 1969, although operating on one of its smallest appropriations in the five years of its existence.

This was made possible by the many citizens who volunteered hours of their time to help organize and direct certain activities, to the selectmen and school board who permitted the use of town and school facilities during "off hours," and to a policy of pay-as-you-play in certain limited-interest sports. The year was challenging and rewarding, and the committee thanks all those who helped.

The Wilkins School auditorium saw much activity throughout the year. Last winter an average of 60 young people, boys and girls, elementary through high school age, enrolled in a basketball program on Saturdays. Two weekday evenings were taken up with volleyball games, one for the men, the other for the high school students. In the spring over 30 adults signed up for a series of golf lessons, once a week for six weeks, meeting in the multi-purpose room.

To round off the winter programs, many residents, young and old, enjoyed skating on the two rinks opposite the post office. We would like to thank those citizens whose generosity helped to keep that area an "open space," with special thanks to the Erik Brown family for hours put in to maintain the ice for skating.

Although the season was shortened by wet fields, Little League involved over 150 boys three times weekly for about six weeks. Under the faithful direction of Mrs. Carleton Cook and Mrs. Stanley LeBaron, more than 40 girls took part in softball games two evenings a week at Spalding Field for five weeks.

Summer saw the completion of the project at the town tennis courts, a joint effort of the Amherst Tennis Committee and the Amherst Recreation Committee to resurface the two old courts and to build a third. Because of the construc-

tion, the usual spring tennis lessons were deferred to the end of August, when over 50 adults and children signed up for the instruction.

Thanks to Herbert Wenzel, who granted use of the beach at Baboosic Lake, and to the donation from the Amherst Red Cross, a series of swimming lessons for more than 65 adults and children were taught by Carl Shaw, Jr.

Through the cooperation of the school board, arrangements were made to hold a summer theater at the Wilkins School. Over 60 college and high school students participated in this activity, producing three plays. It is hoped this program can be repeated in 1970, for not only did it provide delightful entertainment for area residents, but such activity appeals to this particular age group during their leisure.

The Amherst Recreation Committee also arranged for a driver-education course held at the Brick School. Mr. Olausen instructed a class of 30 students two evenings a week for five weeks.

Last June saw the culmination of over two years of effort to find a "youth center." Under the chairmanship of Bob Bacon, a volunteer committee met with the selectmen and arranged for the use of the downstairs at the town hall five evenings a week during the summer. A permanent director, Mr. Ed Farhm, was hired and a youth committee elected. Under the combined leadership TAC (Teen Age Center) came into being and fulfilled a need.

Members of the committee were: Dr. James Jones, Francis Perry, Ronald Berlack, Raymond Ouellette, William Hopkins, Mrs. Kenneth J. Sanford.

In the fall the desire to have more room and a place of their own led TAC to reorganize, and with Out-Site Inn of Milford became INN-TAC. A committee from both towns arranged for the rental of the first clubhouse of the Amherst Country Club, and opened in December.

A town pool committee, chairmanned by Bill Johnson of the Recreation Committee, was appointed this fall to study the possibility of such a facility for Amherst. Assist-

ing Mr. Johnson are Bob Niedrach, Phil Puddington and Dave Hall. Since such a project would involve a substantial investment, initially and long-range, many facts and figures must be collected before a preliminary report can be made. It is hoped such a progress report, with recommendations, can be made this spring.

Concerned with the rapid growth of Amherst and already a seeming lack of space for some of our activities, such as Little League, this committee contacted by letter over 25 builders and owners of the larger developments, urging them to consider setting aside within their plots open areas for recreational purposes. Not only would this be an attractive feature to a new resident, but real assistance in the long-range plans for recreation and conservation in the town. Response was limited, but we hope that with all the concern with conservation on the national level we will see more local interest this year.

Our 1969 budget was $1,585. The Recreation Committee was actually involved in the collection or the raising and expending of almost $9,500, over and above that figure. This generosity indicates a wide interest in recreation and a willingness on the part of the citizens to help pay for the maintenance of our facilities and support of activities which the budget cannot meet.

Our request for 1970 is $2,214, which would cover the hiring of a part-time director of recreation. Because of the number of youngsters and the frequency and variety of activities, the committee believes such programs as baseball, volleyball, tennis, hockey and basketball will run more smoothly if responsibility for schedules, equipment and coaching is in the hands of one man.

ANNE HOPKINS, Chairman
ROBERT BACON
HOPE CAULFIELD
RAYMOND DESMARAIS
WILLIAM JOHNSON

SELECTMEN'S NARRATIVE

The report of your Board of Selectmen traditionally reviews the events of the year and looks to the future. It is difficult to compress into a limited number of pages the hours of time, the counsel of experienced committees, and the vast amount of spade work needed to make most of the decisions which the Board has undertaken this past year.

January and February are spent in preparation of the budget and material for Town Meeting. Because the law requires certain postings to be adhered to, the work is begun in the fall with preliminary meetings of each committee, at which time goals for the future are discussed with an eye toward the expenses involved. By the time individual items reach the printed page, they have been carefully studied by the parent committee, the Selectmen, and the Ways and Means Committee. It is always our goal to give the Town the most service possible within a reasonable tax structure.

Following Town Meeting, organizational plans are laid for the next 12 months, and appointments are made. Your Selectmen strive earnestly to fill each vacancy with persons who have the necessary experience and represent the several views expressed by the Town. We consider ourselves fortunate to find so many of our citizens willing to serve their community in this vital manner.

Much time this year was spent in the study of your Police Department. Two traffic aides were added to help with the protection of our school children. Additional patrol hours were allowed, both to stem the increased vandalism and to give added protection to our ever-growing community. Careful analysis leads us to the conclusion that for the time being we are able to continue with a part-time force by adding hours and a cruiser. We do not feel that the high expense of a full-time force is warranted at this time.

Another subject which involved many hours was pollution. Dr. James Starke as Board of Health Officer presented us with a comprehensive plan on water pollution and

sewage control, designed to fill the gap left by State regulations. After much careful research and several revisions brought about by discussions with men in the area actually doing the work, the Board accepted the regulations.

The problem of our dump, studied in depth by a committee, and further brought to the forefront by a local contractor, who planned an ambitious sanitary landfill project, occupied our thinking for much of the summer. We are sorry to report that the site chosen was found to be unsatisfactory by the State Board, because of the possible dangers of pollution to a Class A brook in the Pennichuck watershed. We therefore enter another year with this most serious matter unresolved.

In the matter of tax assessing, your Board determined that land values in the Town were basically low, when compared to sale prices. Accordingly, each street in Town was reviewed in relation to sales, like property and location. From this information a new scale of house lot prices was developed. This was discussed with a representative of United Appraisal, who in most cases concurred with our opinions. We implemented this new scale in the billing sent out in 1969.

As always, considerable time was spent with the Road Commission, Planning Board and Road Agent, going over layouts and construction of new roads. In light of these expeditions the Planning Board is introducing, for your consideration, an article on road acceptance, designed to meet some major difficulties brought to our attention. Added to these road decisions were the routine matters of rebuilding and maintaining our road system.

In May steps were taken to initiate a Special Town Meeting for the purpose of repurchasing the Proctor Lot from Amherst Industries. After the Court's approval and the posting of the warrant, Amherst Industries notified the Town that the land had been sold to Woodmasters, Inc. Subsequently subdivision of the land into an industrial park took place, and the actual construction of the first plant is well underway.

Late spring saw a group of interested adults approach the Town for the use of the Town Hall as a youth center. Several meetings were held, resulting in formation of TAC, whose rules for operation were approved by the Selectmen, and the lower hall was given to the organization for a temporary home. On the whole, our experience with TAC was most gratifying, and we wish them every success in their new location at the Country Club.

The Brick School maintenance proved to be costly this year. Early in the spring, before Town Meeting, an estimate on painting the trim above the second floor was procurred. After work was commenced it was found that the damage was more extensive than had been realized, hence an over-expenditure was authorized.

The Town Hall roof is to be given special care this year, along with some basic renovation of the lower hall. New furniture for the dining room was purchased, partly from funds realized from the sale of the old benches.

In the course of this year the Town was privileged to accept from a group of concerned citizens, the gift of the tennis courts, which henceforth will become a part of the Recreation Department. These courts had their beginning in 1956 when a group formed to undertake their construction and maintenance as a service to the Town. This year an additional court was added, and the existing courts were resurfaced. It seemed an appropriate time to turn over their care to the Town, since they are, in fact, used by everyone. We want to express our sincere thanks to the committee, headed by Ed Walsh and Tenney Clough, for the many years of service and time devoted to this worthwhile project.

We bring to your attention several ordinances which were passed this year, among them the No Parking ban on the north side of Main Street, west of the Boston Post Road; the necessity of all bikes being registered annually and being properly marked and inspected for safety; the prohibition of Overnight Winter Parking in the interest of snow removal; and, at the request of the Highway Department,

we have banned the removal of snow into the public way.

Perambulation of the Town boundaries, as required by law, was accomplished for the Towns of Milford and Bedford in the summer.

We would publicly like to thank Mr. Howard Russell, who made a generous donation of his public address system to the Town.

We would be remiss if we did not note the retirement from Town Service, of two dedicated employees, who have each spent over 20 years in the best interest of the Town and its citizens. Mrs. Catherine Kruger and Mrs. Marion Nelson have both served Amherst in an unselfish and devoted manner. We shall long be in their debt for jobs well done.

In closing we would like to remind you that we are available to assist you and to listen to your suggestions and criticisms. It is our intention to operate the Town as efficiently and economically as possible, consistent with good service to our citizens.

HERMON W. ANDERSON
MERIC G. ARNOLD
J. MERRILL HINES
Selectmen

AMHERST INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Industrial Advisory Committee was created by the Board of Selectmen in September 1969 to . . .

1. Familarize itself with current zoning regulations, especially those already zoned.
2. Location of such areas and their owners.
3. Research into other suitable land areas.
4. Be knowledgable of available public utility services, both present and future.
5. Be aware of available financing in the area.
6. Make use of existing state and local resource and development departments.
7. Maintain liason with Amherst Planning Board.

To date the Committee has established and maintained continuous contact with Woodmaster Industries on Route 101-A. This area, once owned by the town, has been cleared, a road built (Caldwell Road), and Woodmaster Industries' building constructed. It has been indicated that several of the lots making up the area have been committed or are under serious consideration.

In connection with the above, the only active industrial development, the Committee has also been in contact with several out-of-the-area firms, to introduce them to this choice land.

The Committee has also established contact with the New Hampshire Office of Industrial Development, which will provide any assistance necessary to help Amherst utilize its available zoned areas. A similar contact was made with the Manchester Industrial Council.

Contact has also been made with local banks in Manchester, Milford, and Nashua.

The Committee has also studied the land maps and has

recorded the owners and their holdings by lot number and size. It is planned to establish a contact with the owners to ascertain their feelings as to the use of their land.

The major problem to be solved is in the area of public utilities, especially the supply of water. There is no ready supply available in the volume required above the maximum requirements for general town use. While a limited amount is available through wells, and is sufficient for the Woodmaster Operation, it is not sufficient to meet those for 40,000 or more gallons per day.

Discussion has been held with the Pennichuck Water Company. They indicated a possibility of supply which would require extensive additions to pumping and reservoir requirements and authorization from the Public Utilities Commission. It is thus envisioned that the water supply will consume the majority of the Committee's time throughout the coming year.

If the water problem can be solved and an interest in promoting light industry in Amherst is expressed by present industrial zoned owners, the committee feels that an industrial commission with moderate financing is in order. This then would be a target for 1971.

HARDING SORTEVIK, Chairman
JOSEPH CARLOZZI
RONALD BERLACK

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, in the County of Hillsborough in said State and qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst, on Friday, the 13th day of March next, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.

3. To see if the District will vote to transfer into Capital Reserve $1,500.00 from cash surplus remaining at end of the year.

4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 26th day of February, 1970.

RUFUS I. BROWN
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
Commissioners of Amherst Village District

A true copy of Warrant – Attest;

RUFUS I. BROWN
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
Commissioners of Amherst Village District

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

The District is providing water to 215 users.

Repayment of $5,000.00 in principal has reduced the District indebtedness to $55,000.00. Adequate reserves are built up to provide for repairs that might be necessary.

RUFUS I. BROWN
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
Commissioners

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1969

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1969	$8,939 19	
Accounts receivable including December 31st bills	4,779 15	
		$ 13,718 34
Water System	$ 1,179 60	
Land for buildings, wells, pumps, mains, etc.	150,252 71	
		151,432 31
		$165,150 65

LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable	$ 55,000 00	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	110,150 65	
		$165,150 65

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Treasurer

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET

Estimates of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970
Estimated and actual receipts and expenditures of the previous year January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969

RECEIPTS	Estimated 1969	Received 1969	Estimated 1970
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1969	$ 469.34	$ 469.34	$ 485.37
Capital Reserve Funds	6,637.80	6,637.80	8,453.82
	$ 7,107.14	$ 7,107.14	$ 8,939.19
Income Water Service Prior Year (4th quarter)	$ 4,325.66	$ 4,325.66	$ 4,779.15
Income Water Service Current Year (1st 3 quarters)	4,000.00	5,072.27	4,000.00
	$ 8,325.66	$ 9,397.98	$ 8,779.15
Hydrant Rental	$ 1,690.00	$ 1,690.00	$ 1,690.00
Precinct Tax	2,128.09	2,128.09	*1,687.10
Other Receipts and Interest	250.00	316.02	350.00
	$ 4,068.09	$ 4,134.11	$ 3,727.10
Total	$19,500.89	$20,639.18	$21,445.44
EXPENDITURES			
Bonds	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
Interest	1,293.75	1,293.75	1,181.25
Supt. Salary	800.00	800.00	1,000.00
Ass't. Supt. Salary	400.00	400.00	500.00
Tax Collector	125.00	125.00	150.00
Treas.-Clerk	800.00	800.00	800.00
Meters and repairs	600.00	373.57	600.00
Electricity	1,500.00	1,545.90	1,600.00
Operating, Supplies, Maintenance	1,400.00	710.18	1,200.00
Office Supplies	250.00	525.59	250.00
Insurance	225.00	126.00	225.00
Cash	469.34	485.35	485.37
Capital Reserve Funds	6,637.80	8,453.82	8,453.82
	$19,500.89	$20,639.18	$21,445.44

*To be raised by taxes 1970 assessed against property within the Village District.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
STEPHEN NOBLE
Town Auditors

SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING
March 11, 1969

Acting under Warrant for Town Meeting, polls opened at 10:00 a. m. and closed at 7:00 p. m. in the Town Hall. Ballot clerks, Lillian Anderson and Janet Enright; Allan D. Howard and Randolph Kruger, Assistants to voters; Shirley Copeland, School Clerk; Selectmen Anderson, Arnold and Hines; Barbara Landry; Moderator Wight, and Town Clerk Kruger had charge of voting. Checklist supervisors, Phyllis Hill, Everard Barron and Audrey Spalding.

Result of election: Selectmen, Merrill Hines for three years, Meric B. Arnold to complete the final year of Dewey Smith's term; Town Clerk, Catherine A. Kruger; Tax Collector, Barbara Landry; Town Treasurer, Catherine Kruger; Road Agent, Richard G. Crocker; Trustee of Trust Funds, Harry Mitiguy; Auditors, Orson Bragdon, Stephen Noble; Board of Adjustment, Howard Boothroyd; Library Trustees, Elizabeth Wight and E. Daniel Johnson.

Summary of Town Meeting at Wilkins School:

Article 2 — Voted to give Selectmen and Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 3 — Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $163,816.43 for Town Charges with the following additions: $1,500 for tennis courts; $5,000 for continued road improvement; $2,100 to black top the west end of the cross road near Windsor Park; $875 to black top the north end of West Street near Baboosic Lake; $570 for Nashua Regional Planning Study; $7,660 for completion of bridge over Boston Post Road; $3,000 as capital reserve fund for financing all or part of the cost for fire station and fire truck in the southern part of town.

Total appropriations: $184,521.43.

Article 4 — Recommendation of Ways and Means Committee relative to new roads adopted with exception of March 12, 1969 date which was defeated. Article 4 passed as presented.

Article 5 — Voted to raise $1,500 for two tennis courts and one new one on Davis Lane.

Article 6 — Voted to continue Road Improvement plan. $5,000 voted.

Article 7 — Voted to appropriate $2,100 to widen, black top, etc., west end of the cross road near Windsor Park. Hand vote: Yes 174; No 106.

Article 8 — Voted $875 to black top, etc., north end of West Street near Baboosic Lake.

Ballot Questions:

Article 9 — Zoning Ordinance Question reclassifying Residential Area to Commercial. Yes 425; No 557.

Article 10 — Zoning. To allow Cluster Zoning. Yes 632; No 329.

Article 11 — Minimum lot sizes to be 4 Acres for single family dwelling (in Rural Areas) and 8 Acres for 2 family dwelling. Yes 439; No 541.

Article 12 — Zoning Ordinance—Minimum lot size for 2 family dwelling to be double required for single dwelling. Yes 782; No 198.

Article 13 — Voted to join Nashua Regional Planning Agency.

Article 14 — Voted $570 (.15 per capita) for studies in connection with Article 13.

Article 15 — Appropriated $7,660 to complete construction of bridge over Boston Post Road.

Article 16 — Voted $3,000 as capital reserve fund toward cost of new fire station and fire truck in southern part of town.

Articles 17, 18, 19 and 20 — Ruled illegal by Town Counsel; therefore no action or discussion allowed by Moderator.

Article 21 — Petition of Historical Society for a building to house hand tubs and stage to be erected between Brick School and Chapel denied.

Article 22 — Ways and Means Committee withdrew their recommendation for Planning Board Work on a Master Zoning Plan since the Selectmen and Planning Board will consider it.

Amendment 22 cont. — Ways and Means Committee recommendation that the Fire Alarm System be abandoned resulted in the adoption of following amendment: That the Selectmen appoint a 3-man committee to meet with the Village Commissioner to investigate the feasibility of joint maintenance of the Fire Alarm system between the Town and the District.

Mr. Hines expressed appreciation for the work of the Ways and Means Committee, and Paul Simpson voiced appreciation of all the hard work done by town and school officials.

Meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst For the Year Ending December 31, 1969

Date and Place	*Name of Bride and Groom*	*Name of Officiant*
Jan. 3, Amherst	Wayne Vincent Casayecchia Patricia Anne Morrisey	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Jan. 11, Milford	Henry Sipple Betty Ann Stickney	Rev. Craig H. Richards Clergyman
Jan. 20, Nashua	John Bradford Sargent Rochelle Ann Maurice	Rev. Kenneth J. Sanford Clergyman
Feb. 14, Amherst	Fred W. Lloyd Elizabeth C. Searles	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Feb. 15, Hudson	Frank Wesley Crooker Myrtle Evelyn Hayward	Kenneth R. Dunham Justice of the Peace
Feb. 22, Amherst	Richard T. Carter Beverly L. Denton	Rev. Kenneth J. Sanford Clergyman
Mar. 21, Milford	Stephen James Dutton Janet Faith Barker	Rev. Daniel W. Ferry Priest-Episcopal Church
Apr. 4, Amherst	Arthur Charles O'Neil Maureen Elizabeth Downs	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Apr. 5, Amherst	John F. Farris Beverly A. Sweet	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Apr. 5, Milford	Laurence R. Upton Susan E. Egerton	Rev. Craig H. Richards Clergyman
Apr. 9, Milford	Harry Eklund Page Patricia Ellen Shuman	Rev. Raymond Laferriere Catholic Priest
Apr. 19, Manchester	Gary Gardner Loudermilk Darlene Frances Bouchard	Rev. Florent R. Bilodeau Catholic Priest
Apr. 24, Amherst	Douglas J. Elliott Sandra J. Harris	Rev. Craig H. Richards Clergyman
Apr. 30, Amherst	David Forrest Jasper Cynthia Rae Cook	Rev. Kenneth J. Sanford Clergyman
May 21, Amherst	Peter Markos Crystal Mary MacNeil	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
May 24, Amherst	Edwin R. H. Perry Mildred V. A. Glenn	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
May 24, Milford	Victor J. Martel Deborah J. Searles	Rev. Craig H. Richards Clergyman
June 21, Milford	Gary C. Grassett Charlotte M. Macchi	Rev. Raymond Laferriere Catholic Priest
June 28, Londonderry	Edmond Rufus Guertin Bonita Lee Fredette	Rev. Samuel C. Wampole Clergyman
June 28, Salem	Ralph W. Stinson Arlene G. Harris	Rev. John Torosian, Sr. Clergyman
June 28, Nashua	Romeo J. N. Charron Dawn A. LaBrum	Rev. Paul Belhumen Catholic Priest
July 5, Conway	Charles G. Pierson Laura C. Scribner	Rev. Samuel E. Landers Clergyman
July 12, Manchester	Richard Walter Crannell, Jr. Leslie McConnell King	Rev. Vincent Fischer Priest-Episcopal Church
Aug. 2, Milford	Raymond Anthony Germain Deborah Reed Slade	Rev. Robert Barrett Catholic Priest
Aug. 8, Stratham	Stephen Warner Curtis Carolyn Rae Minutelli	Rev. Paul Boughton Minister
Aug. 21, Amherst	Homer J. Langlois Helen Charlotte Johnson	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Aug. 23, Amherst	Dean Enoch Jackson Daphne Lathrop	Rev. Kenneth J. Sanford Minister
Sept. 6, Wilton	Arthur David Stickney Claire Frances Raymond	Rev. Paul P. Clark Catholic Priest
Sept. 13, Amherst	William K. Heap Nancy M. Carey	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Sept. 13, Wilton	Ronald Arthur Manning Carol Anne Duval	Oev. Paul P. Clark Catholic Priest
Sept. 20, Manchester	William Albert Bean, Jr. Maria Katherine Slark	Rev. George E. Ham Catholic Priest
Sept. 20, Nashua	James M. Murrary Judith A. Bates	Rev. Emmett A. Coyne Catholic Priest

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst For the Year Ending December 31, 1969

Date and Place	*Name of Bride and Groom*	*Name of Officiant*
Sept. 27, Milford	Richard Allen Charron Denise Anne Klumpp	Rev. Richard A. Girard Catholic Priest
Sept. 27, Hollis	David L. Ricard Sandra E. Kane	Rev. Philip H. Mitchel Minister
Sept. 28, Amherst	Terrance P. Coady Pamela H. Salling	Rev. Robert A. Storer Minister
Oct. 11, Amherst	Michael Jaremchuk Wendy M. Orr Lichty	Catherine A. Kruger Justice of the Peace
Oct. 26, Amherst	Franklyn E. Fuller Thelma L. Franklin	Rev. John Ward Minister
Oct. 24, Derry	Alan Lawrence Carter Linda Marie Bohn	Rev. Irving S. Jones Minister
Nov. 8, Amherst	Robert L. Nichols Sharon A. Martin	Rev. Kenneth J. Sanford Minister
Nov. 8, Milford	Richard Donald Leonard, Jr. Kathleen Ann Murphy	Rev. Raymond Laferriere Catholic Priest
Nov. 15, Amherst	Edward A. Larner Mary Otis Booth	Rev. Kenneth J. Sanford Minister
Nov. 22, Merrimack	Julien Albert Bernier Rita LaChance	Rev. Francis J. Christian Priest
Nov. 29, Milford	Dale Clinton Forest Joyce Anne Hushen	Rev. Daniel W. Ferry Priest-Episcopal Church
Dec. 6, Milford	Norman Walter Worcester Betsey-Anne Russell	Rev. Glen C. Bachelder Minister
Dec. 24, Amherst	Robin Douglas Mangold Donna Lynn Milligan	Rev. John Ward Minister

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1969

Date and Place	*Name of Deceased*	*Age*	*Name of Father*	*Maiden Name of Mother*
Jan. 15, Nashua	Rose Edna Keirstead	87	Hosea S. Little	Phoebe Nutter
Feb. 8, Amherst	Olive Frances Merrill	78	Forrest Kelly	Addie Smith
Feb. 8, Concord	William Burgeson	72	Joseph Burgeson	Annie Elliott
Mar. 13, Concord	Albert Faber	88	Andrew Faber	Natilda Knudsen
Apr. 9, Milford	Louise Phelps	84	Daniel Flagg	Maria u/k
Apr. 14, Amherst	Ernest Wilson Miles	81	Ernest W. Miles	Mary E. Langille
Apr. 30, Manchester	Leonard Hayward	67	Henry M. Hayward	Elena A. Fuller
May 22, Amherst	Marion T. McInnis	25	Donald J. McInnis	Mary J. Harhen
July 11, Manchester	Sadie Pike	78	Frank M. Kelley	Mary G. Fletcher
July 20, Nashua	Maud Stavey Meighan	89	Nicholas Stavey	Virginia u/k
July 27, Nashua	Joseph Cassarino	52	Alfio Cassarino	Ana M. Buffeli
Aug. 29, Milford	Marjory Burdette Jones	82	Abroham Sleight	Martha C. Wyatt
Sept. 4, Nashua	Bertha L. Langelier	82	Charles L. Poor	Catherine S. Clark
Sept. 9, Amherst	Mary Esther Simpson	50	James J. Clasby	Esther Dempsey
Sept. 9, Amherst	Deane C. Simpson	51	Verne N. Simpson	Florence E. Carter
Sept. 9, Nashua	Janice E. Stevens	17	Shirley Stevens	Eva Mills
Sept. 21, Nashua	Charles H. Elliott, Jr.	65	Charles H. Elliott, Sr.	Anna Dow
Oct. 29, Nashua	Edgar F. Erlandson	73	August Erlandson	Emma Bryant
Nov. 22, Nashua	Winston F. Hanlon	61	John F. Hanlon	Emma G. Bennett
Nov. 24, Amherst	Henry Ferdinand Merrill	79	Frederick Josiah Merrill	Mary Sayre
Dec. 26, Boston, Mass.	Glenn Dale Jackson, Jr.	63	Glenn D. Jackson	Jessie Allen

Brought From Away and Buried in Amherst

Date and Place of Death	*Name of Deceased*	*Age*	*Name of Cemetery*
Jan. 5, Merrimack	Mary Agnew Currie	73	Meadowview
Feb. 1, Manchester	Hyland E. Wilson	60	Meadowview
Feb. 3, Nashua	Eugene J. Sylvester	61	St. Patrick's
Feb. 4, Nashua	Carol Ann Beaubien	29	St. Patrick's
Feb. 16, Milford	Marie E. VanderHeyden	83	St. Patrick's
Feb. 21, Manchester	Howard L. Williamson	78	Meadowview
Mar. 6, Sanford, Fla.	Dolores Mary Knudsen	32	Meadowview
Apr. 7, Milford	Sarah Agnes Bourke	73	St. Patrick's
Apr. 23, Goffstown	Thomasina Wilder Wilson	89	Meadowview
July 13, Ware, Mass.	Louis Sherman Hayward	67	Meadowview
Aug. 24, Concord	Mary McGuire	81	St. Patrick's
Sept. 25, Nashua	Regena Pelchat	67	St. Patrick's
Oct. 30, Manchester	Jennifer Asprey	2 mos.	Meadowview
Nov. 10, Manchester	Mary Jean Caulfield	84	St. Patrick's
Dec. 14, Nashua	Frederick Vernon Howard, Sr.	69	Meadowview
Dec. 23, Manchester	Ellen Veronica Caulfield	90	St. Patrick's

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out for Marriage, Birth and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk

Note: Be sure you give your legal address as well as mailing address, especially on BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST
For the Year Ending December 31, 1969

Date and Place	*Name of Child*	*Name of Father*	*Maiden Name of Mother*
1968			
Dec. 14, Woburn, Mass.	Tracey Lee	Gerald Francis Hannon	Margaret Mary Edson
Dec. 26, Nashua	Heidi Arleen	Thomas Alan Naegeli	Gloria Elizabeth MacDonald
1969			
Jan. 7, Nashua	Joel Christian Quibin	John Bernard Mendolusky	Mary Jeanne Quibin
Jan. 18, Nashua	John David	Robert Lewis Townsend	Mary Ann Winters
Jan. 21, Boston, Mass.	Elizabeth Ann	William Purnell Wolfe	Sandra Ann Came
Jan. 24, Nashua	Gary Donald	Donald Richard Bourdon	Pauline Rolande Faucher
Jan. 27, Manchester	Shawn Robertson	Jan Robertson Beauvais	Linda Ann Rosen
Jan. 29, Nashua	Laura Corinne	Leo Albert Fournier	Lorraine Rita Nadeau
Jan. 30, Nashua	Sarah Stratton	Charles Frederick Jost	Mary-Lynn Rand
Feb. 2, Nashua	Mary Jane	William Harold Weatherbee	Ruth Elizabeth Billingham
Feb. 3, Nashua	Clark Merrill	Frank Arthur Currier	Sharon Rae Merrill
Feb. 4, Manchester	Neal Alden	Linwood Gordon Huntington, Jr.	Florence Mae Baras
Feb. 8, Nashua	Barbara Ann	Alvin Curtis Miller	Estelle Joan Taylor
Feb. 10, Nashua	Thomas Lawrence	Lawrence Thomas Farley	Linda Jane Kisch
Feb. 21, Nashua	Katherine Ann	John Malcolm Steele	Cecilia Veronica McEntee
Feb. 21, Nashua	Alan Royce	Royce Freeman Brooks	Evelyn Beatrice Moquin
Mar. 6, Nashua	Lisa Lynn	Edward Alonzo Stevens	Beverly Ann Carter
Mar. 8, Nashua	Holly Marie	Marvin Herbert Weckwerth	Carolann Roberge
Mar. 10, Nashua	Samuel Hall III	Samuel Hall Fowler, Jr.	Sigrid Broen Hanson
Mar. 18, Nashua	Daneil Antonia	Alfred Frank Copertino	Marie Dorothy Lindstadt
Mar. 27, Nashua	James Alfred Jr.	Janes Alfred Hillsgrove	Bonnie Lou Bean
Mar. 31, Nashua	Jennifer Sue	Donald Francis Ryder	Cheryl Ann Landfear
Apr. 2, Nashua	Jacquelyn Ruth	James John McKean	Janet Nelora Harvey
Apr. 7, Nashua	Lorri Anne	Roy Howsen Massie	Maureen Jean Chace
Apr. 17, Nashua	Lisa Margaret	Harlan Whitcomb West	Carol Ann Pond
Apr. 19, Peterborough	Timothy Craig	Arthur David Johnson	Joyce Irene Grader
Apr. 20, Nashua	Stephen James	Russell Warren Hoag	Phyllis Mary Gallant
Apr. 24, Manchester	Jeffrey Stephen	Julian S. Hartwell	Mary A. O'Boy
Apr. 29, Nashua	Sarah Dale	Peter Edwin Hennessy	Martha Mary Funaro
May 1, Nashua	Jason Alexander	James Edward Mosakowski	Karen Ann Florian
May 4, Nashua	Ronald John, Jr.	Ronald John LaBonty	Dianna Francess Farley
May 19, Nashua	Tricia	Risto Juhani Laisi	Priscilla Ann Judson
May 22, Nashua	Todd Allen	James Edward Vollmer	Joyce Ann Mason
May 23, Nashua	Michael David	Thomas Clayton Gamache	Elaine Jeannette Caron

Date and Place	*Name of Child*	*Name of Father*	*Maiden Name of Mother*
June 1, Nashua	Bobbi Ann	William Everett Bass	Sandi Drusella VanGeffen
June 3, Nashua	Marc Vincent	John Howard Tower	Nora Katherine Pierce
June 5, Nashua	Sonjia Darlene	William Gerard Thomas	Donna Elaine Allaire
June 6, Nashua	Richard John, Jr.	Richard John Willoughby	Judith Louise Waters
June 6, Nashua	Carlene Amy	David Carl Hanlon	Judith Arlene Grant
June 7, Nashua	Tracy Marie	Ronald Albert Riendeau	Evelyn Rose Wilson
June 9, Nashua	Kathleen Rae	Dennis James McCarthy	Jacqueline Phyllis Townsend
June 11, Nashua	Barbara Louise	Liston Lee Clark	Marian Louise Jutras
June 14, Nashua	Katherine Elizabeth	Anthony Philip Capelle	Judith Margaret Hutchins
June 15, Nashua	Adam Justin	William George Lindquist	Cynthia Diane Hill
June 20, Keene	Kristen Marie	John Weston Walter	Kerin Marie McCullough
June 21, Nashua	Steven Andrew	Donald Leroy Warman	Barbara Jean Garrison
June 22, Nashua	Angela Celeste	James Arnold Covey	Joyce-Aline MacLatchy
June 25, Manchester	Erica Beth	Glenn Arthur Larson	Eleanor Louise Walsh
July 1, Nashua	Janet Marie	Richard Normand LaPerle	Jane Marie Bourzikas
July 4, Nashua	Jodene Rae	Randolph Philip Chase	Nancy Jane Ingerson
July 6, Nashua	Hilary Vohn	Newell Korff Maag	Merlene Kaye Penn
July 8, Nashua	Gregory James	James Cyril Kolanck	Judith Ann Hopkins
July 9, Manchester	Jani Sue	Philip Mitroe Hyrcuna	Christine Williamina Souter
July 11, Nashua	Todd Miles	Kenneth Barry Estey	JoAnne Miles
July 12, Nashua	Richard John	Lewis John Theos, Jr.	Ida Jane Knight
July 23, Nashua	John Marshall	Bernard Austin Mitchell	Mary Claire McDonald
Aug. 1, Manchester	Joelle	Dennis Albert Patnode	Trudy Virginia Doubleday
Aug. 5, Nashua	Corrine Ann	Joseph Alton Buteau	Carolyn Ann Dreikosen
Aug. 8, Nashua	Karen Anne	David Ernest Williams	Eleanor Patricia Small
Aug. 8, Nashua	Dylan Daniel	Raymond Quentin Levesque	Lois Rae March
Aug. 11, Nashua	Steven Anthony	Charles Stewart Marx	Karen Ruth Pichelman
Aug. 20, Nashua	Scott Anthony	Lendal Robert Mattice, Jr.	Carole Mary Byron
Aug. 23, Nashua	Albert Francis	Roland Arrigoni	Mary Ann Speno
Aug. 23, Taunton, Mass.	Jonathan Victor	Richard Foster	Janet Catherine Pelletier
Aug. 27, Manchester	Valerie Suzanne	Joseph Nathaniel Brown	Helen Josephine Holland
Aug. 29, Nashua	Cynthia Dawn	David Lindsay Wilson	Lorraine Ethel Dawe
Sept. 8, Nashua	Kristy Leigh	James Edward Todd	Shirley Marie Luoma
Sept. 12, Nashua	Julie Anna Mary	Jerre Gove Longfellow	Rejeanne Fernande Ricard
Sept. 21, Nashua	William Shane	Carl Francis Campbell	Jacqueline Marie Maguire
Sept. 28, Nashua	Caleb Benjamin	Harry Ecklund Page	Patricia Ellen Shuman
Oct. 4, Nashua	Kelly Ann	Wilfred Joseph Tremblay, Jr.	Edith Shirlene Clough
Oct. 6, Nashua	Cheryl Ann	Robert Howard Knight	Geraldine Ann Avery
Oct. 10, Manchester	Kamron Beck	Michael Tall Hindson	Judith Ann Swanson
Oct. 17, Manchester	Wendy Lee	Edwin Herbert True, Jr.	Alice Evelyn Milne

Oct. 27, Manchester	Denise Marcelle	Robert George Pothier	Celine Claire Chenard
Oct. 29, Nashua	Jill	Barry Greenhalgh	Ellen Ruth Telfer
Nov. 5, Nashua	Demetra H.	Harry James Reckas	Panayiota G. Dritsas
Nov. 5, Nashua	Daniel Stuart	Willam Stuart Belvin	Martha Christy Heileman
Nov. 6, Nashua	Kevin Joseph	Robert Kingsbury Grassett	Lillian Agnes Roberts
Nov. 8, Methuen, Mass.	Robert Adjutor, Jr.	Robert Adjutor Gagnon	Irene Marie Walsh
Nov. 9, Nashua	Kimberly Gail	Howard James Swindell	Elaine Baker
Nov. 10, Nashua	Jennie Doris	Reginald Benoit Dagesse	Diane Simone Gelinas
Nov. 16, Manchester	John Prescott	Robert Farnsworth Searle	Virginia Pedrick
Nov. 23, Nashua	Michael Breen	Arnold John Adreani	Marcia Anne Cotter
Nov. 26, Nashua	Gerald James	Richard Loyal Gould	Martha Jean Geddes
Nov. 26, Nashua	Dean Ryan	Wilfred Albert Davis	Lois Margaret Kazmark
Nov. 29, Nashua	Amy Sarah	Dean Hayes Curtin	Jane Ann Freitas
Dec. 6, Manchester	Walter Nicholas	John Bernard Magill	Kathleen Anne Lobo
Dec. 8, Nashua	Lynda Elaine	David Charles Cockett	Evelyn Maude Andrews
Dec. 9, Nashua	Jacqueline	Richard William Duquette	Mona Claire Desjardins
Dec. 13, Nashua	Donald Clifford	Clifford Robert Gaw	Esther Louise Dornemann
Dec. 18, Nashua	Kelley Sue	Franklin Lewis Smith	Donna Mary Boulier
Dec. 20, Nashua	Lawrence Bartlett	Lawrence Culver Hornor	Holly Stevens

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

School District Officers

of

Amherst, N. H.

for the

Year Ending June 30, 1969

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers — 1969-70

School Board:	Term Expires
Herbert C. Stearns	1970
Eric W. Hare	1971
Alfred C. Byrnes	1972

Ira A. Stickney	Superintendent
Mrs. Marion J. Jacques	Teacher Consultant
Russell E. Fearon	Business Manager
Mrs. Shirley Copeland	Clerk-Treasurer
Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
James E. Jones, M.D.	School Physician
Pauline Woods	School Nurse
Howard French	Attendance Officer
Orson H. Bragdon	Auditor
Stephen Noble	Auditor

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1969-70

Begin	Close	
September 3 (Wed.)	December 23 (Tues.)	76 days
(Oct. 10, Nov. 11, Nov. 27 & 28 – No School)		
January 5 (Mon.)	February 20 (Fri.)	35 days
March 2 (Mon.)	April 24 (Fri.)	39 days
(March 27 – No School)		
May 4 (Mon.)	June 17 (Wed.)	33 days
		183 days

1970-71

September 9 (Wed.)	December 23 (Wed.)	72 days
(Oct. 16, Nov. 11, Nov. 26 & 27 – No School)		
January 4 (Mon.)	February 12 (Fri.)	30 days
February 22 (Mon.)	April 23 (Fri.)	44 days
(April 9 – No School)		
May 3 (Mon.)	June 23 (Wed.)	37 days
(May 31 – No School)		
		183 days

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

Polls open at 10:00 A. M. and close at 7:00 P. M.

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the tenth day of March 1970, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.

5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this ninth day of February 1970.

HERBERT C. STEARNS
ALFRED C. BYRNES
ERIC W. HARE
School Board

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

HERBERT C. STEARNS
ALFRED C. BYRNES
ERIC W. HARE
School Board

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins Memorial School in said district on the sixth day of March 1970, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.

2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency.

5. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district.

6. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this ninth day of February 1970.

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ERIC W. HARE
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AMHERST BUDGET – 1970-71

	Adopted 1968-69	Actual 1968-69	Adopted 1969-70	Proposed 1970-71
100 Series Administration				
110 Salaries of District Officers	$ 410.00	$ 410.00	$ 435.00	$ 435.00
135 Contracted Services	150.00	218.52	150.00	200.00
190 Other Expenses of Administration	520.00	1,216.10	760.00	1,160.00
100 Series Total	$ 1,080.00	$ 1,844.62	$ 1,345.00	$ 1,795.00
200 Series Instruction				
210.1 Teachers' Salaries	$ 195,300.00	$ 233,782.37	$ 261,950.00	$ 353,410.00
210.2 New Teachers	33,400.00		47,700.00	35,705.00
210.3 Summer Curriculum	1,200.00	260.00	1,200.00	1,400.00
210.4 Insurance	2,900.00	650.79	2,250.00	3,000.00
Total 210	$ 232,800.00	$ 234,693.16	$ 313,100.00	$ 393,515.00
215 Textbooks	$ 6,200.00	$ 4,905.31	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00
220 Library and Audio Visual	3,700.00	3,075.62	3,305.00	3,600.00
230 Teaching Supplies	9,650.00	8,734.63	13,500.00	12,740.00
235 Contracted Services	3,550.00	3,974.61	3,995.00	6,950.00
290 Other Expenses for Instruction	2,535.00	3,556.23	2,635.00	2,340.00
200 Series Total	$ 258,435.00	$ 258,939.56	$ 340,535.00	$ 423,145.00
300 Series Attendance	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

AMHERST BUDGET – 1970-71

	Adopted 1968-69	Actual 1968-69	Adopted 1969-70	Proposed 1970-71
400 Series Health	$ 2,220.00	$ 2,315.70	$ 2,720.00	$ 4,800.00
500 Series Transportation	$ 27,100.00	$ 31,956.00	$ 36,900.00	$ 42,170.00
600 Series Operation of Plant				
610 Salaries	$ 12,400.00	$ 12,450.35	$ 15,100.00	$ 11,800.00
630 Supplies	3,000.00	3,022.35	3,300.00	2,100.00
635 Contracted Services	400.00	400.00	1,100.00	14,610.00
640 Heat	4,500.00	7,505.82	11.000.00	11,300.00
645 Utilities	3,750.00	6,262.50	7,150.00	8,590.00
600 Series Total	$ 24,050.00	$ 29,641.02	$ 37,650.00	$ 48,400.00
700 Series Maintenance of Plant	$ 3,930.00	$ 4,632.00	$ 3,265.00	$ 4,830.00
800 Series Fixed Charges				
850 Retirement and Social Security	$ 18,340.00	$ 12,243.70	$ 29,135.00	$ 28,827.00
855 Insurance	2,800.00	2,971.00	3,023.00	4,984.00
800 Series Total	$ 21,140.00	$ 15,214.70	$ 32,158.00	$ 33,811.00
900 Series Federal Lunch	$ 3,000.00	$ 4,391.18	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,500.00
1000 Series Student Body Activities			$ 225.00	$ 350.00

AMHERST BUDGET – 1970-71

	Adopted 1968-69	Actual 1968-69	Adopted 1969-70	Proposed 1970-71
1200 Series Capital Outlay				
1265 Sites	$ 550.00	$ 19,442.88	$ 36,000.00	$ 4,000.00
1266 Buildings	8,000.00	123,966.46	380,000.00	
1267 Equipment	5,850.00	31,318.03	3,465.00	4,400.00
1200 Series Total	$ 14,400.00	$ 174,727.37	$ 419,465.00	$ 8,400.00
1300 Series Debt Service				
1370 Principal	$ 51,378.00	$ 40,000.00	$ 55,000.00	$ 80,000.00
1371 Interest	22,165.00	18,875.41	38,000.00	42,048.00
Service Charge		13.20	15.00	15.00
1300 Series Total	$ 73,543.00	$ 58,888.61	$ 93,015.00	$ 122,063.00
1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts				
1477.1 Tuition In State	$ 240,800.00	$ 254,469.09	$ 293,325.00	$ 368,403.00
1477.2 Transportation		522.60		
1477.3 Supervisory Union Share	13,100.00	13,761.39	16,970.00	21,297.22
1477.4 Trainable Class	2,600.00	1,123.30	1,583.00	4,200.00
1477.9 AREA Rental	39,314.00	42,157.50	54,840.00	62,916.00
1400 Series Total	$ 295,814.00	$ 312,033.88	$ 366,718.00	$ 456,816.22
1500 Series Learning Disabilities				$ 2,000.00
1600 Series Contingency	$ 2,000.00		$ 5,000.00	

AMHERST BUDGET — 1970-71

	Adopted 1968-69	Actual 1968-69	Adopted 1969-70	Proposed 1970-71
1700 Series PL 89:10	$ 7,000.00			
Deficit Appropriation			$ 10,301.99	
TOTAL BUDGET	$ 733,762.00	$ 894,634.64	$1,353,347.99	$1,153,130.22
REVENUE				
Unencumbered Balance	$ 18,000.00	$ 31,071.32		
State Building Aid	17,500.00	12,022.81	16,500.00	24,000.00
State Sweepstakes	4,000.00	5,689.49	6,000.00	6,000.00
State Special Class Aid	1,500.00	2,791.55	1,200.00	2,500.00
Federal Lunch	3,000.00	2,844.46	4,000.00	4,500.00
NDEA	1,000.00	2,254.33	1,000.00	
Trust Funds	725.00	874.95	800.00	900.00
Learning Disabilities		2,000.00		2,000.00
State Foundation Aid			18,412.00	14,330.00
Title I	7,000.00			
PL 874	3,000.00			
Notes and Bonds		140,000.00	380,000.00	
Interest		1,391.54		100.00
Emotionally Disturbed				2,500.00
Other		2,138.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 55,725.00	$ 203,078.45	$ 428,912.00	$ 58,330.00
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	$ 678,037.00		$ 924,435.99	$1,094,800.22

NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT
1969-70 School Year

Total Appropriations	$1,353,347 99

REVENUE AND CREDITS

Unencumbered Balance	$ 0 00
Sweepstakes	6,000 00
Foundation Aid	18,412 00
School Building Aid	16,522 00
Intellectually Retarded	1,200 00
NDEA – Title III	1,000 00
School Lunch & Special Milk Program	4,000 00
Trust Fund Income	800 00
Other Revenue from Local Sources	1,000 00
Bond or Note Issue	380,000 00
Total Revenue and Credits	$ 428,934 00
Amount to be Raised by 1969 Property Taxes	924,413 99
Total Appropriations	$1,353,347 99

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969)

SHIRLEY J. COPELAND, Treasurer

In account with the School District of Amherst.

Cash on Hand July 1, 1968	$ 26,933 36
Board of Selectmen:	
Current Appropriations	674,548 00
Deficit Appropriation	10,301 99
State Sources	22,503 85
Federal Sources	3,400 40
Trust Funds	874 95
Other Income	2,813 12
Total Receipts	$741,375 67
Less School Board Orders Paid	750,479 80
Balance on Hand June 30, 1969 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	$ 9,104 13

Building Fund

Cash on Hand July 1, 1968	$ 776 76
Federal Sources	1,698 39
Other Income (Wiring Allowance)	2,138 00
Total Receipts	$ 4,613 15
Less School Board Orders Paid	3,895 88
Balance on Hand June 30, 1969 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	$ 717 27

Multi-Purpose Fund

Cash on Hand July 1, 1968	$ 3,361 20
Sale of Notes and Bonds (Principal only)	140,000 00
Other Income	3,529 54
Total Receipts	$146,890 74
Less School Board Orders Paid	145,210 08
Balance on Hand June 30, 1969 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	$ 1,680 66

Resource Center Fund		
Cash on Hand July 1, 1968	$	2,500 00
Less School Board Orders Paid		2,431 35
Balance on Hand June 30, 1969 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	$	68 65
Special Summer Music Program		
Cash on Hand July 1, 1968	$	1,200 00
Less School Board Orders Paid		1,134 09
	$	65 91
Service Charge		– 6 70
Balance on Hand June 30, 1969 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	$	59 21
Amherst Reading Fund		
Cash on Hand July 1, 1968	$	750 00
Less School Board Orders Paid		687 53
	$	62 47
Service Charge		– 5 55
Balance on Hand June 30, 1969 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	$	56 92

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bond statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, New Hampshire of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
STEPHEN NOBLE,
Auditors

August 26, 1969

ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL REPORT

To the Citizens of Amherst:

Educational reform has taken place, as it never has in the past, during the 1960's. Change in education now seems to be a recognized need in all parts of our society. The 1960's have closed with forces and events that have led to the threshold of a new decade as being one of the most promising and active periods of educational reform in our history. Many more demands are being made by the rapidly changing and increasing complexity of our society. We are becoming more aware that our children will need more and better education to survive. Education that was sufficient for our needs is no longer sufficient for the world of the future. The things that children need to learn with the help of schools are multiplying at an overwhelming rate. There are practices and programs that are necessary if we are to deal effectively with the changing world.

Like society in general, education is currently experiencing a dynamic development of new technologies. We must examine them with care and those proven to be successful in aiding the learning process be put into service more rapidly than new technologies have been in the past.

Research has revealed more about individual differences, the merit of the individual and about providing for his needs. It has also come up with evidence of the great variety of ways in which people can and do learn.

This challenge we must meet. We must be ready to develop practices and programs capable of increasing the efficiency of learning. In Supervisory Union No. 40 we have begun to meet the challenge in the sixties as numerous innovations in methods of instruction and school organization have evolved, such as the use of new instructional materials, use of para-professionals, use of part-time professionals, the introduction of team teaching, team learning, cooperative teaching, flexible group patterns, modified grading and many other innovations. These are signs of

progress that are necessary to reach the goals that we have set forth.

We are striving to develop and continue to develop an ever-changing curriculum to search for better ways of instruction in order to fulfill our philosophy of education in the development of each child to his optimum. As each year passes, the needs of more children than ever before must be met. Our school population increases continually. At the beginning of the last decade 2,313 pupils were enrolled in our schools. As we reach the 1970's, our enrollment has soared to 4,073.

The Amherst Schools report a year in which planned change is evolving in an effort to encourage learning as an individual process. Experience has shown that proving the validity of an idea is not sufficient to gain its acceptance. The working educator needs more than a how-to-do-it manual. He needs a planned strategy for putting an idea to work; a way of joining all the components of a technique including teacher understanding, instructional materials, student and community orientation – all at the right time.

A large part of a teacher's job is to discern each student's learning style and then match instructional methods and materials. In order to do this, they must have: (1) studied school records for past experiences; (2) studied his performance in class; (3) knowledge of his learning style; and (4) assessed his capacity to improve.

CURRICULUM

Our reading program continues to undergo evaluation. The basic text and correlated skill books and phonics program are being supplemented by additional materials. The sources of these materials are varied and include the teachers, Reading Consultant and commercial publications. They vary from the simple worksheet to the well-prepared audio or visual aid. Each source is designed to provide additional material for a particular reading skill. All grade levels are involved in this integration of sources into our reading program.

The E.S.S. (Elementary Science Study) approach to the teaching of Science continues to be successful. A wide use of materials with less emphasis on daily reading texts encourages a laboratory type of class in which all pupils (fast, slow, and average) find success as they work together. Two of our staff members were trained at a summer institute at Dartmouth, and three were trained at the Elementary Science Study workshop in Newton, Massachusetts.

The Math program has been under study. The staff committee recommended a revision and selected a text which meets our needs. In addition to this text, which is currently being used in grades one through four, much emphasis is being placed on supplementing the daily lessons with planned drill that will stress mastery of the basic facts a child is expected to know at each grade level.

Several teachers worked on a Summer Curriculum Project which involved the areas of Reading and Science. As a result of this work, many teacher-made and commercial materials have been classified and readied for use by the teacher with her children. These materials, since they are selective and teacher-made, actually make available many more materials.

In September, 1969, "Minimum Standards and Recommendations For New Hampshire Public Elementary School Approval, K-8, 1969" was distributed to all administrators in all New Hampshire school districts. The major reason for planning, organizing and establishing a minimum standards program for public elementary education are to: (1) improve the quality of learning and teaching in New Hampshire and (2) see that each child has equal opportunity for learning. Philosophy and objectives, administration, curriculum, staff, in-service education, and school facilities are the major areas covered by minimum standards. Amherst measures highly in light of these standards. There are, however, several staffing assignments that will need to be filled in order to completely fulfill the requirements of all minimum standards by September, 1972.

PROGRAMS

A. Primary Unit

The primary unit (grades one and two) continue to be organized with homogeneous grouping in the morning for all skill subjects (Reading, Math, and Language Arts) and heterogeneous grouping in the afternoon for the content areas (Social Studies, Science, and other activities). We have one readiness room this year, and the program is now in its third year of preparing children for success in the first grade. One of the most significant programs now developing is one which has a lofty goal, the prevention of first grade reading failure. Through supplementing our basic reading program, frequent in-service meetings, and being always aware of the need for reinforcement and/or enrichment, we hope to achieve this goal.

B. Intermediate Unit

The intermediate unit (grades three and four) has been grouped by ability in Reading, Spelling, Language Arts and Math, and heterogenously grouped in Social Studies, Science and Activity periods. Children may be in more than one ability group for each subject area.

C. Upper Intermediate Unit

In order to improve the flexibility of this unit (grades five and six), children may move from one ability group in Reading to a different ability group in Math or a different group in Language Arts. The Social Studies and Science classes are heterogenously grouped. The fifth and sixth grade children have more access to the Resource Room than any other group.

D.

A program for children with some emotionally disturbing problems continues in our schools. Nurse clinicians are available weekly for work with the pupils, their parents, and teachers. They work under the guidance of a consulting psychiatrist. This program is one of two public school programs sponsored by the State of New Hampshire.

E.

After school sports continue to be popular with the boys. Flag football, basketball, track and field, and softball are all offered during the course of a year. Fundamentals and team play are emphasized. Competitive teams are organized. Everyone who goes out for a sport is allowed to participate. We hope to extend a similar and appropriate program to the girls in another year.

F. Remedial Reading

A remedial reading program is available in the 1969-70 school year for the first time. This program is available for the children who consistently perform below the level of their potential (1½ to 2 years). The teacher is part-time and works with children at grades two through six.

Children are screened for this program by using standardized reading tests that allow the instructor the opportunity to diagnose the specific difficulties in reading. Children who are chosen then receive thirty minutes each day of training above and beyond their regular reading periods. The program includes: (1) a variety of materials; (2) determining the proper level of instruction; (3) small groups formed according to remediation needs; (4) constant reinforcement; (5) diagnosing the child's interests; (6) consideration of attention span through the use of short varied activities; and (7) a positive "can do" attitude.

G. Reporting Procedures

During the 1969-70 school year a study of reporting pupil progress was conducted by the staff and administration. A new technique in reporting was developed which continues to tell pupils and parents what progress is taking place in the child's growth in academic skills, work habits and social adjustment. The new report attempts to emphasize how well each child is doing according to the school's assessment of the child's current academic capabilities and not on the basis of comparison with other students. The staff has worked hard and feels that more detailed and accurate information can be disseminated about each child

through this new reporting procedure and parent-teacher conferences. Continued evaluation of this report form will bring about changes for further improvements.

LIBRARY

As stated in previous reports, the library is a resource center. Library lessons are correlated with classroom activity to strengthen habits of systematic study. This also enables the student to use the library more effectively, whether searching for information or reading for pleasure.

Parent volunteers and pupil assistants continue to assist in the library during school hours.

Each class reports once a week to the library for formal instruction in using the library to study, to hear a story, to read or to select a book.

The resource center contains not only books but a variety of other materials including magazines, pamphlets, documents, pictures, records, and filmstrips. These materials are all used for the general improvement of learning.

TESTING

The testing program includes the following types of tests: (1) Intelligence; (2) Achievement; (3) Developmental; (4) Readiness; (5) Interest Inventories; (6) Diagnostic; (7) Perceptual; and (8) Motor. Intelligence and Achievement tests are given to all children every year (grades one through six). Other tests are used either at certain grade levels or for specific purposes. We are constantly using the test as an instrument to help the teacher and the parent better understand more about the child and how he learns.

ENROLLMENT AND PERSONNEL

This year we have six teachers for the first grade level (including one readiness teacher), six teachers for the second grade, five teachers for the third grade, five teachers for the fourth grade, four teachers for the fifth grade and four teachers for the sixth grade.

At present the Clark School has twelve teachers in a

building intended to house ten. The Wilkins School (minus the new addition) has eighteen classroom teachers in a building intended for thirteen.

The cooperative professional efforts of the entire staff has been instrumental in providing a suitable learning atmosphere under the existing crowded conditions.

The addition to the existing Wilkins School will provide appropriate classroom space to alleviate the crowded conditions. It will relieve the stage, auditorium, and front hall as full-time instructional areas. It will also allow teachers who have had to double up in grades two, three, and four an opportunity to have their own classrooms. It will provide adequate space for the Remedial Reading, French, Speech, Art, Choral Music, and Instrumental Music teachers to carry out their functions. It will give the Guidance Director and Reading Consultant a place to see pupils, teachers and/or parents.

The Advisory Committee Study on Pupil Enrollment, December 1969, provides the school with a projection figure of 809 for the 1970-71 school year. As of January 26, 1970 we have 700 children enrolled. The need for planning must be applied to both future building program and additional personnel to parallel the rate of pupil growth.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

The primary task of the teacher is to facilitate learning, to make it possible for each youngster, coping with his particular problems and capabilities, to see wider possibilities in his life and in his world. To do this, the school must continue to enthusiastically stress: (1) the necessity for relating to each child; (2) the need to help children learn how to learn so that they can use the vastly increasing storehouse of knowledge; (3) the necessity for helping children gain in self-confidence by providing them with opportunities to succeed; and (4) the need to provide a wider employment of instructional materials and methods.

The cooperation of the Parent-Teacher Association and the community in general, has been wholeheartedly appre-

ciated since it is this kind of effort that will help facilitate our above goals.

MILFORD AREA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

As the year 1968-69 progressed, it became evident that the plans for entering the new Junior High School in September were not to be realized. The delay was unavoidable because of pending decisions to be made by the New Hampshire Supreme Court regarding the AREA School Plan which directly affected the School District in the selling of the bonds.

Fortunately there was room at the AREA High School to house the eighth grade, and after some careful planning and through the cooperation of Mrs. Rebidue, a way was found to house the seventh grade in the Bales School. We occupied two rooms in the main building, two rooms in the basement area, five rooms in the annex and four study-gym class areas in the Bales gym. We, through the cooperation of Mrs. Rebidue and Mrs. Tostevin, used the lunch room which was constructed for those pupils in the elementary grades housed in the Bales School.

Through the fine cooperation of pupils and teachers, we carried on an almost normal classroom and school procedure with the seventh grade. As time allowed, the Junior High principal traveled between the two schools to administer to the needs of both grades.

Each year we find the seventh grade to be much larger than the previous year, reflecting the growth of Milford and the sending districts of Amherst and Mont Vernon. In June of 1968, our seventh grade numbered 216, and when we opened our doors in September, the same grade (as eighth graders) numbered 226, showing an influx here of approximately ten students over and above those who did not return. Not too many years ago our losses in pupils from June to September would approximately equal our gains, and we thus remained fairly stable in numbers. Our seventh grade numbered 256 pupils. We now find ourselves

with about 480 pupils to be housed in the new AREA Junior High School.

All parties concerned worked at a feverish pace during the Christmas recess to ready the new building for occupancy on January 5th.

Those of us involved in education are pleased to once again have grades seven and eight in their own buiding and in the proper educational environment for their age. We feel that their maturation will assume a more normal level under these circumstances.

At this writing, we are gradually getting organized and have many plans under way to assure our desires to create an ideal Junior High School program.

MILFORD AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Milford AREA Senior High School opened in September with a first-day count of 1,001 for grades eight through twelve. Without grade seven in the AREA School, the extreme overcrowding evident last year had been alleviated, making the entire situation much more tolerable. With the eighth grade moving to its own facility, along with grade seven, the AREA High School should be comfortable for the next few years.

In spite of a heavy loss of twenty-four teachers on the secondary level, we have been most fortunate in obtaining teachers of high quality and who are student-oriented.

Those who assess the present and predict the future tell us that knowledge now is doubling every seven years. During a single week, the world production of new books and periodicals totals 40,000 items. It is now anticipated that the average man will change his occupation three times in a lifetime. And it is predicted that by the year 2000, scientists will be able to create life in a test tube, computers will monitor and influence nearly every aspect of our daily activities, and the world's population will have at least doubled.

In a world characterized by continuing explosions of population, science, knowledge, and technology, it is mandatory that a child's education be devoted less to the accumu-

lation of scattered bodies of content knowledge, and more to the development of skills and processes necessary for coping with this continually changing world. Consequently, those responsible for hiring new teachers for the Milford schools will have to continue to distinguish between teachers oriented to subject matter and teachers oriented to the process skills of thinking and behaving.

The monumental tasks required of today's curriculum planner cannot be fulfilled by traditional approaches. As the curriculum arena expands and the planning tasks become more complex, the composition of the planning force must change. Curriculum design and engineering in modern education requires the coordinated involvement of specialists in subject matter, teaching technology, the social and psychological sciences, and in administration and supervision.

This year has seen several changes in our secondary school curriculum. The majority of changes have occurred in the area of English. Traditional English 11 and 12 has been replaced with a series of 28 one semester courses, allowing for greater student choice of in-depth study in relevant areas. Included in the above is an expansion of the multi-text approach and team teaching.

Our Social Studies program, which was completely overhauled in 1967, has had few course changes since. However, additional course offerings are presently being organized for next year. A team of teachers working on the Curriculum Council last summer completely revised the Junior High School Social Studies curriculum in order to better prepare students for the high school curricula.

A noticeable and healthy change in the mathematics areas is the increase in number of students taking the higher math courses. The very successful computer math course has doubled in enrollment and has grown to two sections. Unfortunately, having one terminal in the school limits the number of students allowed to take the course. It is hoped that an additional terminal can be added in the future. With further expansion in this area, it is also hoped that the

computer terminal will have application in several other areas in the curriculum, such as business and science.

Secondary Curriculum Recommendations and Future Plans:

1. Addition of Spanish to our present language offerings of French, Latin and Russian.
2. Complete revision of ninth and tenth grade English program. Monies should be provided to hire teachers to do this planning in the summer.
3. Purchase a small computer for the school. This would represent a financial savings over a two-year period, provide for expansion of the present program, and allow us to sell time-sharing on our computer to surrounding schools.
4. Include additional advanced science courses to our present offerings.
5. Expand our Vocational Program to include Distributive Education and Building Trades.
6. Drop ninth grade Cabinet Making and institute a course in Building Construction Trades.
7. Include Heat Treatment of Metals in our Vocational Machine Shop Program.
8. Continued expansion of our library in order to bring us up to the American Library Association's recommendation of 30,000 titles. At the present time we have approximately 8,000 books.
9. Expansion of our Audio-Visual Department to include a video-tape recorder, which would have applications in all subject matter areas.

The overall atmosphere at the AREA High School is one of high student and faculty morale with a real concern for the betterment of education. The administrative staff has adopted an "open-door" policy toward students. Students are encouraged to seek advice and raise questions in reference to matters of school policy as they deem necessary. Rarely does a day go by that a student does not confer with the administration. Slowly but certainly, students are taking on the idea that administrators are truly concerned about

listening to student concerns and providing for improved opportunities. It is our experience that if students are given opportunity to discuss issues and raise questions, they are able to accept and support decisions even though they might not have been directly involved in the decision-making process.

The key to a first rate program is dependent on the quality of the staff who work in our schools. To our dedicated staff we extend our gratitude for the part that you fulfill in educating our children.

We commend you, the citizens of Amherst, for your continued support of quality education for our youth.

IRA A. STICKNEY, Superintendent
MARION J. JACQUES, Teacher Consultant
ARNOLD J. ADREANI, Principal

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969

TOTAL RECEIPTS	$897,032 57
TOTAL PAYMENTS	$894,634 64
Cash Balance, June 30, 1969	00 00
Building Fund	$ 2,397 93

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Federal Aid:		
NDEA — Title II	$ 2,254 33	
School Lunch & Special Milk	2,844 46	
		$ 5,098 79
State Aid:		
School Building Aid	$12,022 81	
Intellectually Retarded	2,791 55	
Sweepstakes	5,689 49	
Other	2,000 00	
		22,503 85
From Sources Other Than Taxation:		
Trust Funds		874 95
Bonds and Notes:		
Principal of Bonds	$140,000 00	
Premiums and Interest	1,391 54	
		141,391 54
Other In-State Receipts:		
Wiring Allowance		2,138 00
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:		
Current Appropriation	$674,548 00	
Deficit Appropriation	10,301 99	
Balance Due on Previous Approp.	9,104 13	
		693,954 12
Total Receipts from All Sources		$865,961 25
Cash on Hand July 1, 1968		26,933 36
Building Fund		4,137 96
Grand Total New Receipts		$897,032 57

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL

July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969

100 Series Administration:		
110 Salaries of Officers	$ 410 00	
135 Contracted Services	218 52	
190 Other Expenses	1,216 10	
		$ 1,844 62
200 Series Instruction:		
210 Salaries for Instruction	$235,226 41	
215 Textbooks	4,905 31	
220 School Library & A.V.	3,075 62	
230 Teaching Supplies	8,734 63	
235 Contracted Services	4,044 61	
290 Other Expenses	2,952 98	
		258,939 56
300 Series Attendance		50 00
400 Series Health		2,315 70
500 Series Transportation		31,956 00
600 Series Operation of Plant:		
610 Salaries	$ 12,450 35	
630 Supplies, except Utilities	3,022 35	
635 Contracted Services	400 00	
640 Heat for Buildings	7,505 82	
645 Utilities, except Heat	6,262 50	
		29,641 02
700 Series Maintenance of Plant:		
725 Replacement of Equipment	$ 603 74	
726 Repairs to Equipment	347 75	
735 Contracted Services	1,195 54	
766 Repairs to Buildings	2,422 66	
790 Other	62 31	
		4,632 00
800 Series Fixed Charges:		
850.2 Teachers' Retirement System	4,813 10	
850.3 F.I.C.A.	7,430 60	
855 Insurance	2,971 00	
		15,214 70
900 Series Federal Lunch Program		4,391 18

1200 Series Capital Outlay		
1265 Sites	$ 19,422 88	
1266 Buildings	123,966 46	
1267 Equipment	31,318 03	
		174,727 37
1300 Series Debt Service:		
1370 Principal of Debt	40,000 00	
1371 Interest on Debt	18,875 41	
1390 Other Debt Service	13 20	
		58,888 61
1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts:		
1477.1 Tuition	$296,626 59	
1477.2 Transportation	522 60	
1477.3 Supervisory Union Share	13,761 39	
1477.9 Other In-State Expenditures	1,123 30	
		312,033 88
		$894,634 64

BALANCE SHEET – June 30, 1969

ASSETS

Cash on Hand:		
General Fund June 30, 1969		$ 0 00
School Building Fund June 30, 1969		2,397 93
Accounts Due to District:		
a. From Town	$ 0 00	
b. From State	0 00	
c. From Federal Agency	755 60	
d. From Others:	367 70	
Music Fund	59 21	
Resource Center Fund	68 65	
Reading Fund	56 92	
		1,308 08
Total Assets		$ 3,706 01
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets		602,980 83
Total		$606,686 84

LIABILITIES

Accounts Received for Special Purposes:		
Cash on Hand June 30, 1969		
Building Fund		$ 2,397 93
Accounts Owed by District:		
Advance on 69-70 Appropriation		9,104 13
Music Fund	59 21	
Resource Center	68 65	
Reading Fund	56 92	
	———	184 78
		9,288 91
Notes and Bonds Outstanding		595,000 00
Total Liabilities		$606,686 84

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

HERBERT C. STEARNS,
ERIC W. HARE,
ALFRED C. BYRNES,
School Board

IRA A. STICKNEY, Superintendent

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Blanket contents and buildings	$880,000
Automobile liability	500,000/1,000,000
Truck liability	100,000/300,000
Builder's Risk	350,000
Workman's Compensation	100,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in $5,000 denominations except $2,000 due September 15, 1966 issued in $1,000 denominations.
Coupons payable March 15 and September 15
Principal Maturing: 1966-1980
Rate: 3.30%

Coupon Amount $16.50 - $1,000
$82.50 - $5,000

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-66	$9,025.50	$547,000	——
9-15-66	9,025.50	547,000	$42,000
3-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	——
9-15-67	8,332.50	505,000	40,000
3-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	——
9-15-68	7,672.50	465,000	40,000
3-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	——
9-15-69	7,012.50	425,000	40,000
3-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	——
9-15-70	6,352.50	385,000	35,000
3-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	——
9-15-71	5,775.00	350,000	35.000
3-15-72	5,197.50	315,000	——
9-15-72	3,197.50	315,000	35,000
3-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	——
9-15-73	4,620.00	280,000	35,000
3-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	——
9-15-74	4,042.50	245,000	35,000
3-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	——
9-15-75	3,465.00	210,000	35,000
3-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	——
9-15-76	2,887.50	175,000	35,000
3-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	——
9-15-77	2,310.00	140,000	35,000

3-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	——
9-15-78	1,732.50	105,000	35,000
3-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	——
9-15-79	1,155.00	70,000	35,000
3-15-80	577.50	35,000	——
9-15-80	577.50	35,000	35,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued on August 1, 1968 in $5,000 denominations.
Coupons payable February 1 and August 1
Principal Maturing: 1969-1983
Rate: 4.20%

Coupon Amount $105.00 - $5,000

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
2-1-69	$3,570.00	$170,000	——
8-1-69	3,570.00	170,000	$15,000
2-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	——
8-1-70	3,255.00	155,000	15,000
2-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	——
8-1-71	2,940.00	140,000	15,000
2-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	——
8-1-72	2,625.00	125,000	15,000
2-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	——
8-1-73	2,310.00	110,000	10,000
2-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	——
8-1-74	2,100.00	100,000	10,000
2-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	——
8-1-75	1,890.00	90,000	10,000
2-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	——
8-1-76	1,680.00	80,000	10,000
2-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	——
8-1-77	1,470.00	70,000	10,000

2-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	——
8-1-78	1,260.00	60,000	10,000
2-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	——
8-1-79	1,050.00	50,000	10,000
2-1-80	840.00	40,000	——
8-1-80	840.00	40,000	10,000
2-1-81	630.00	30,000	——
8-1-81	630.00	30,000	10,000
2-1-82	420.00	20,000	——
8-1-82	420.00	20,000	10,000
2-1-83	210.00	10,000	——
8-1-83	210.00	10,000	10,000

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in $5,000 denominations. Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.
Principal Maturing: 1970-1984.
Rate: 6.5%

Date	Interest	Principal	Maturing
3-15-70	$12,350.00	$380,000	——
9-15-70	12,350.00	380,000	$30,000
3-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	——
9-15-71	11,375.00	350,000	25,000
3-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	——
9-15-72	10,562.50	325,000	25,000
3-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	——
9-15-73	9,750.00	300,000	25,000
3-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	——
9-15-74	8,937.50	275,000	25,000
3-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	——
9-15-75	8,125.00	250,000	25,000
3-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	——
9-15-76	7,312.50	225,000	25,000

3-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	——
9-15-77	6,500.00	200,000	25,000
3-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	——
9-15-78	5,687.50	175,000	25,000
3-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	——
9-15-79	4,875.00	150,000	25,000
3-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	——
9-15-80	4,062.50	125,000	25,000
3-15-81	3.250.00	100,000	——
9-15-81	3,250.00	100,000	25,000
3-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	——
9-15-82	2,437.50	75,000	25,000
3-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	——
9-15-83	1,625.00	50,000	25,000
3-15-84	812.50	25,000	——
9-15-84	812.50	25,000	25,000

SUPERVISORY UNION #40

Administrative Salaries — 1968-69

A.	**Superintendent**		
	State Share		$ 3,750 00
	Local Share:		
	Amherst	$2,820 30	
	Brookline	794 58	
	Hollis	2,294 36	
	Milford	6,366 84	
	Mont Vernon	473 92	
		————	12,750 00
			————
			$16,500 00
B.	**Teacher Consultant**		
	State Share		$ 2,700 00
	Local Share:		
	Amherst	$2,499 56	
	Brookline	704 22	
	Hollis	2,033 44	
	Milford	5,642 76	
	Mont Vernon	420 02	
		————	11,300 00
			————
			$14,000 00
C.	**Business Manager**		
	State Share		$ 2,700 00
	Local Share:		
	Amherst	$1,437 80	
	Brookline	405 08	
	Hollis	1,169 68	
	Milford	3,245 84	
	Mont Vernon	241 60	
		————	6,500 00
			————
			$ 9,200 00

TITLE I – 1968-1969
Supervisory Union #40

Receipts as Allocated:		
Amherst	$ 4,409 00	
Brookline	2,464 00	
Hollis	1,945 00	
Milford	11,931 00	
Mont Vernon	1,038 00	
		$21,787 00
Expenditures:		
Phase I Elementary Guidance	$12,390 16	
Phase II Curriculum Development	8,339 40	
		$20,729 56
Balance Returned to State:		
Amherst	$211 49	
Brookline	116 32	
Hollis	95 17	
Milford	581 59	
Mont Vernon	52 87	
		$ 1,057 44

AMHERST SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Financial Statement
January 1, 1969 to June 30, 1969

Beginning Balance — July 1, 1968		$ 00 00
Receipts:		
Lunch Sales — Children	$11,074 88	
Lunch Sales — Adults	475 14	
Reimbursement	1,207 62	
Miscellaneous Cash	123 25	
Total Receipts	———	12,880 89
Total Available		$12,880 89
Expenditures:		
Food	$ 7,310 44	
Labor	4,080 56	
All Other Expenditures	919 70	
Total Expenditures	———	12,310 70
Balance — June 30, 1969		$ 570 19
Other Program Resources:		
USDA Commodities Received (Wholesale Value)		$ 3,704 00

BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1969

Assets:		
Cash in Bank	$ 570 19	
Accounts Receivable:		
Reimbursement due Program	1,223 53	
Other Income due Program	623 42	
Food Inventory — June 30	150 00	
Supplies Inventory — June 30	25 00	
Total Assets	———	2,592 14

Liabilities:		
Loans Payable	$ 300 00	
Withholding Tax Payable	190 70	
FICA Tax Payable	244 36	
Other Accounts Payable	1,857 08	
Total Liability	———	2,592 14
Working Capital		00 00
		———
Total Liabilities and Working Capital		$ 2,592 14

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1968-1969

Number of pupils registered during year: 658
Boys 361 Girls 297

Enrollment by Grades:
I - 131, II - 107, III - 109, IV - 102, V - 104, VI - 105

Average membership in Grades 1-6 630.0
Percent of attendance in Grades 1-6 95.7
Number of sessions in all schools 360

Teaching positions:

Elementary	25
Part time teachers	9

Amherst Tuition Pupils attending Milford AREA School 1968-69:

Grade 7	81	Grade 10	79
Grade 8	81	Grade 11	66
Grade 9	80	Grade 12	75

Trainable Class — Elementary	1
Special Class — Elementary	4
Special Class — Secondary	4

SCHOOL CENSUS

	Age as of September 1, 1969	Total	Boys	Girls	No. Attending Public School Within District	No. Attending Public School Outside District	No. Attending Parochial School Outside District	No. Attending Private School Outside District	Excused by School Board	Reached 14 or 16, Completed Elementary not High School	Completed High School
Less than	1	84	47	37							
	1	97	51	46							
	2	102	60	42							
	3	78	34	44							
	4	97	39	58							
	5	102	55	47	27						
	6	101	55	46	101						
	7	107	47	60	106	1					
	8	110	52	58	108		2				
	9	113	53	60	113						
	10	111	61	50	110		1				
	11	106	62	44	105			1			
	12	96	51	45		95		1			
	13	92	50	42		90	1	1			
	14	89	47	42		84	1	4			
	15	93	41	52		85		8			
	16	79	43	36		71	2	6			
	17	85	44	41		55		3		3	24
	18	52	26	26		7		2	1	6	36
TOTALS		1794	918	876	670	488	7	26	1	9	60

AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM MILFORD AREA SCHOOL – JUNE 1969

Donna Anderson
Deborah Balmer
Dennis Bishop
*Barbara Bonsignore
*Joan Boothroyd
Lorraine Bowler
Kenneth Bratt, Jr.
*Nancy Brown
Sally Brown
Gerald Browning
Shepard Buchanan
Kent Buffelli
Claudia Campman
*Laura Carlsmith
John Cavanagh, Jr.
James Clark
Roger Clough
Ethel Conley
Vicki Copeland
Joan Currier
Charles Desmarais
Mary Doane
Patrick Enright
Mark Gauthier
Charles Graham
Leland Gray, III
Sandra Hall
Debra Hare
Janet Harmon
Paul Heinemann
Roland Hill
Linda Hollis
Stephen Huckabee
Susan Hunt
Kim Jackson
Dennis Jameson
Dennis Jameson
Andrew Kelly
*Jill Kennedy
Randolph LaBrum
Kyle Landry
*Wilson Leatherman, III
*Jane Lord
Joan Lord
William McCarthy
John Melrose
John Michie
Raymond Moulton
Charles Odell
Marklyn Perry
Alfred Racicot
*Elaine Richards
Ellen Rodriguez
Robert Salisbury
Marcel Savaria
Roselyn Scott
James Sessler
Susan Shaw
James Shethar
Mary Simpson
Ralph Smith, III
Stephen Tatro
Phyllis Tibbets
Donna Tweedie
Richard Verville
Jane Waterman
*Heather Weimont
*Andrew Whatmore
Christine Wilson
Christine Young
Carla Yunggebauer

* National Honor Society

TEACHER ROSTER
Amherst Elementary

Name	*Exp.*	*Assignment*	*College*	*Degree*
Adreani, Arnold	11	Principal	Boston U.	C.A.G.S.
Bailey, Edward	2	Grade 4	Keene	B.E.
Barry, Susan	2	Grade 2	N. E. College	B.A.
Bell, Martha	1	Grade 5	Aroostook State	B.S.
Brockway, Marguerite	1	Music p.t	American U.	M.A.
Carroll, Gail	2	Grade 2	Emmanuel College	A.B.
Currier, Judy	0	Grade 3	Aroostook State	B.S.
Davis, Harvey	1	Grade 5	Bowdoin	B.A.
Davidson, Gwenith	4	Readiness Rm.	Vassar	B.A.
Delisle, Laurette	0	Grade 4	Rivier	B.A.
Dyer, Sally	3	Rem. Read. p.t.	U. of Maine	B.A.
Fields, Patti	0	Grade 5	N. E. College	B.A.
Greenhalgh, Sarah	23	Grade 2	Bridgewater	B.E.
Gregg, Cecelia	17	Grade 3	Plymouth	B.E.
Hall, Betty	13	Read. Cons.	Bridgewater	M.E.
Hallcom, Carolyn	7	Grade 1	Indiana State	B.S.
Heaton, Susan	0	Grade 3	U.N.H.	B.A.
Kertesz, Laszlo	24	Orchestra	Hungarian Conserv.	B.A.
Kittredge, Elma	24	Grade 3	Plymouth	
Korpi, Leona	0	Grade 4	N. E. College	B.A.
Lathrop, Cynthia	6	Grade 4	Skidmore	B.S.
McGee, Mary	30	Grade 3	Keene	B.E.
McKeown, Teresita	11	Grade 2	Philippine Normal	B.S.
Packard, Mary	0	Grade 1	Perry Normal	B.E.
Perry, Marcia	7	Grade 4	R.I. College	B.E.
Pichette, Noella	6	French	U.N.H.	B.A.
Roy, Alberta	3	Grade 1 (basic)	Concord Training Sch.	
Shervanian, Ann	10	Speech Therapist	Boston U.	B.S.
Shaw, Elizabeth	16	Grade 6	Tufts	B.A.
Silverman, Audrey	4	Grade 2	Keene	B.E.
Sullivan, Catherine	27	Librarian	U.N.H.	M. Ed.
Tent, Stephanie	2	Grade 1	N. E. College	B.A.
Thomas, Johanna	4	Grade 6	Penn. State U.	B.S.
Tong, Harry	9	Music	Salem State	B.A.
Trudo, Christina	3	Readiness Rm.	South. Conn. State	B.S.
Tyrrell, Jo-An	3	Art	Plymouth	B.S.
Walter John	0	Grade 6	Keene	B.E.
Wexler, Sandra	6	Grade 1	St. Col. Boston	B.S.
Wheeler, Emma	13	Grade 5	Rivier	M.E.
Williams, James	33	Grade 6	N. Y. University	B.A.

Woods, Pauline	Nurse	Faneuf, Gladys	Aide - Grade 3
Caulfield, Hope	Nurse p.t.	Martin, Kay	Aide - Grade 1
Duval, Patricia	Secretary	Masten, Judy	Aide - Grade 4
		Powers, Joan	Aide - Grade 5
Palumbo, Nelson	Custodian	Trevathan, Paula	Aide - Grade 6
Drygala, Alfred	Custodian	White, Margaret	Aide - Grade 2
Worthen, Arthur, Jr.	Custodian p. t.	Young, Josephine	Aide - Grade 1

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION
1968-1969

Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D., Examiner
Pauline Woods, R.N., School Nurse

Total number of children examined	320
Tuberculosis Tests	147
Chest X-Ray	3

The following defects, treatments and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Treatment
Defective eyes	1	1
Defective ears	2	2
Defective teeth	26	20
Glands	1	1
Heart	16	16
Hernia	2	2
Nutrition	2	2
Other	3	3

Diseases Reported:

Chicken Pox	3
Measles	6
Mumps	5
Strep Throat	1
Ringworm	1

Number of Home Visits 190

REPORT OF AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

The 1969-1970 school year will best be remembered especially by the pupils and staff as the year the new classrooms were occupied at the Wilkins Memorial School. As of this writing, the move has not taken place due to delays beyond our control. However, much credit must be given to our building committee, especially in the early planning stages, after a mandate from the town to proceed with all haste under defined conditions to provide the much needed facilities. We think you will find, after great inconvenience due to crowded conditions, the results are beyond expectations. We retained Haynes, Lieneck and Smith as architects, and the contract was let to Francis L. Piermarocchi, Inc., of Fitchburg, Mass., who have done a commendable job.

The participation by many interested citizens and organizations in the town made possible the purchase, from Max Sherburne, of a fine piece of land in the south-eastern section of the town known as the Vogel property near the Pennichuck pumping station on the Souhegan River. This will not only provide land for future school buildings, but recreation areas as well.

The Board realized acutely the need for assistance this year due to an increasing load brought on by higher costs and a rapidly expanding population. Therefore, areas of broad responsibility were given to each Board member, and various committees were reactivated or formed to make our work more effective. The School Study Committee, which is reported separately in the Annual Report, has contributed much to our progress. A new committee to study the area of learning disabilities has been active and will make its report as well.

Efforts have been made to formulate policy, particularly with thought given to our relationship to the newly formed Amherst Education Association, which is now the negotiating body for the teaching staff. A significant advance was made in the area of communication by the use of a Board

member as liaison. The results of many hours of deliberation will be evident in our budget hearings and final adoption of this most relevant area.

Strict attention was given to our responsibility with respect to providing educational facilities with all its ramifications reflected in the budget, and our obligation to you, the taxpayer. The work of Supervisory Union personnel, the administration, staff and the Ways and Means Committee resulted in long hours, which is reflected here also, and is much appreciated.

In trying to provide the quality education desired, and keeping in mind the new State Board Standards, we have encompassed some of the minimum requirements ahead of the deadline, in order to hold the cost impact down. You will want to acquaint yourselves with these guidelines and look ahead to the future bases of establishing sound educational standards as set forth by the New Hampshire State Board of Education.

Incidentally, Eric Hare was elected to the New Hampshire School Board Association and will be active in constituting and promoting standards in your interest.

The year has been active and educational to us as laymen. The shift in value emphasis in many areas known to each of you in these great days of scientific exploration and advance, challenge us to even more dedication to a cause which can be very rewarding with lasting results. May we all be equal to the task.

HERBERT C. STEARNS, Chairman
ERIC W. HARE
ALFRED C. BYRNES
Amherst School Board

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT TO AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

The Advisory Committee has utilized the limited time available prior to the regular Amherst School Meeting to investigate in detail the open-type school construction as presented by the School Board, and to develop alternate programs which hopefully will resolve our immediate classroom requirements. The Committee's final report will also embody long-range programs for consideration by the School Board. Obviously, several long-range considerations have a direct influence on what course or courses of action we must take now if Amherst is to continue its present level of education on an economical basis.

We have addressed ourselves, therefore, to the following points:

1. Is it necessary to provide additional classrooms during the 1969-70 school term?
2. If so, can this requirement be best met by an addition to the Wilkins School, the construction of a new school, or the leasing of portable schools?
3. If new classrooms are to be built, what will be the effect on the taxpayer?
   A. If an addition were to be made on the Wilkins School?
   B. If a new school were to be constructed on a new site?
4. How many classrooms will be required to satisfy our immediate needs and allow ample time to fully investigate what course of action should be taken in regards to the construction of a new school?
5. Does open-type construction offer economical and/or educational advantages to the Amherst taxpayer and our children?

Are Additional Classrooms Required?

The Advisory Committee sees no valid reason to reduce its forecast of student enrollment. The 1969-70 school term, with the planned education program, will require the avail-

ability of eight additional rooms or teaching stations. It is now estimated that the 1970-71 school term will require an additional four classrooms over and above the eight required for the previous year. If the Town continues to grow at its present rate, it is reasonable to forecast that our school system will require a new school facility for the 1971-72 school term.

Alternates To Building Classrooms

In determining classroom requirements, the Committee has taken under advisement and consideration the following alternates to a building program:

a. Revision of the first grade age entrance from six years of age prior to January 1 to six years of age prior to September 30. The Committee estimates that this would reduce the first grade enrollment by approximately one class and would have little or no effect on our total requirements.

b. *Double Sessions.* The estimated expense of a double session during the 1969-70 school term is $52,000.00. Additional staff requirements would cost $43,000.00 and transportation $9,000.00. These costs are in addition to operating expenses as budgeted.

c. The Committee has reviewed the possible advantages of reorganizing the present classroom structure to achieve greater utilization of our existing classrooms. The present ability grouping program has been modified for the 1969-70 school term. With this modification in our educational program, maximum utilization of classrooms will be realized. The Committee does not feel that there are classrooms savings to be obtained.

d. The use of the brick school was once again reviewed and after considering the size of the rooms, its current use by the kindergarten, Police Department and other organizations, the Committee does not feel that utilization of this building is practical or functional in our educational program.

e. The Committee is investigating the availability and cost of portable or temporary classrooms and will be prepared to present detailed information to the School Board.

Cost Considerations

The Committee has reviewed the effect on our individual taxpayer under the following conditions:

a. If an addition were made now to the Wilkins School, and

b. If a new school were to be constructed on a new site.

The construction of a new school at this time is prohibitive. In addition to the required teaching stations, core facilities would be required. The cost of a new educational facility quite understandably would be substantially higher than the cost required to satisfy our classroom needs by an addition to the Wilkins School.

In planning for our present and future needs, the Town must consider the possible reorganization of Union 40 on a co-operative basis. There is every reason to believe that this co-operative plan could materialize in advance of a new school requirement. The economic and educational benefits of a co-operative plan will be substantial. For example, if four of the five school systems which now comprise Union 40 were on a co-operative basis, new schools authorized by the voters of the participating town would receive 50% State Aid and student incentive aid.

The addition of twelve additional classrooms to the Wilkins school at this time is far more practical and economical in comparison to the building of a new school. The Committee does feel that the square foot requirements required to achieve this additional capacity can be reduced to approximately 15,000 square feet and substantially reduce the overall cost to the taxpayer. With the little time allowed, it has been impossible to redesign and obtain bids for the construction of an open-space or conventional 15,000 square foot addition. The Committee has received no information which would indicate that the building costs for such an addition would be less than $20.00 a square foot and most likely the total cost for building and equipping this additional facility will be between $24.00 and $24.50 per square foot. However, a reduction in size could save $75,000 to $100,000.

Open-Space Vs. Conventional Schools

The Committee reviewed in detail the proposed open-space proposal in an effort to clarify the functional and educational advantages of open space design. In our study, we asked the following questions:

1. What are the economic advantages? — While interior partition costs are reduced, this savings is for the most part offset by increased costs for acoustical control and functional equipment.

2. Is there more efficient use of total space? — A substantial area normally allocated to corridors is actually utilized for educational purposes and increases the number of available teaching stations.

3. Would open-space design necessitate a radical change in our educational plan or require specialized teachers — No radical change in the educational plan has been contemplated nor is it required. Initially, fifth and sixth grade students will be aware of the change, but experience has shown this preoccupation to be not only normal, but short-lived. Our present teaching staff is qualified to educate our children in an open-space structure.

4. Would the movement of children in an open-space structure distract other students? — Open-space schools are acoustically designed to prevent noise distraction. With such design criteria, the open-space school is quieter than the conventional corridor design. The open-space areas are equipped with moveable partitions to minimize visual distraction. Whether we utilize conventional or open-space design, the control of noise and/or movement rests with the teachers and administration.

5. What educational advantages can our teachers and students realize with an open-space structure? — Functional and educational advantages are as follows:

a. An open-space building is designed to accommodate any present or future changes in teaching methods or curriculum.

b. Open space design does not restrict, condition, or

mold teaching strategies or curriculum as most traditional school plant designs do. The school serves the children as learners – not the children serving the requirement of the school design.

c. A flexible and malleable environment encourages team teaching, small group instruction, independent study, and individualized instruction.

d. The open design frees students to take more initiative and to take more responsibility for their own learning under teacher guidance.

e. The open space removes the seclusion of the self-contained classroom. Teachers grow professionally by sharing and planning together.

f. The building is flexible in terms of grouping which may range from one student to several grades.

g. Resources and teaching support systems are readily accessible. Obstacles such as doors, distances, and halls are removed.

h. Supervision of student behavior and activity is improved. Every child is visible from any point in the main room.

6. Have any open-space schools failed to provide adequate education? – Yes, they have, but in those few instances, the open-space design was accompanied by a radical or gradeless educational program without the availability of adequately trained teachers. Experience has proven that a few subjects are best taught in a conventional classroom, for example, science and math, but such requirements are now available at the Wilkins School.

The Committee estimates that the originally proposed open-space design has a capacity of from fourteen to sixteen teaching stations and suggests that a reduction in size could be tolerated and still provide the stations actually required. It is the Committee's opinion that considerable thought and planning has been given to the open-space design by our School Board, our School Administrators and our teachers

and that the open-space design is sound, functional and flexible as an educational structure.

Required Schedule

As previously stated, the Committee feels that additional classrooms are required now and that any proposed addition should allow for classroom requirements over a forecasted two-year period. The intent here, of course, is to allow the School Board and its designated Committees time to fully investigate our Town's requirements and costs for new schools. During the next two years, we will realize an increase in our tax base evaluation and hopefully receive increased State Aid for our school building requirements. We enthusiastically encourage the Amherst School Board to pursue negotiations with other School Boards in Union 40 in hopes that a co-operative program can be established at the earliest possible date. A co-operative arrangement will have more effect on minimizing the cost of school programs to the Amherst taxpayer than any other single effort.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MRS. ROGER BROWN
MR. PETER DUNLAP
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MRS. WILLIAM HOPKINS
MR. HERBERT SCHMITZ

AMHERST SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

The School Study Committee, a continuing study group since its appointment in November, 1967, had three new members appointed during the year: Mrs. William Hopkins, Mr. Joel Hungerford and Mr. Francis Perry. In the spring, the committee made a study and presented a report to the School Board of the classroom needs for the addition at the Wilkins School.

In the fall, the committee re-evaluated the school population figures, present and projected, and made a detailed report to the School Board in December. The report forecast probable enrollment figures, 1970-71, based on current growth trends in Amherst.

The committee is presently studying the overall educational needs of Amherst as projected over the next five years.

MR. FRANCIS PERRY, Chairman
MR. PETER DUNLAP
MRS. WILSON DYER
MRS. WILLIAM HOPKINS
MR. JOEL HUNGERFORD

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

In March of 1969 the Moderator appointed a School Building Committee to construct an addition to the Wilkins School. At the March school meeting the town had voted to build this addition at a cost not to exceed $380,000. The design of the school, in so far as possible, was to conform to the style of the original Wilkins School. The committee was to work under the direction of the Amherst School Board. Work was to proceed without delay. The Amherst school population had grown, unexpectedly, fast. The Wilkins School, just completed in the fall of 1967, was already overcrowded in the winter of 1969.

The committee lost no time in going to work. Within six weeks, plans for the addition were drawn up. The building went out for bid April 18th. When the bids were opened May 7th, even the lowest bidder was higher than anticipated. After making use of alternate options and a series of economies in the design of the building, the contract was awarded to the Fitchburg construction firm of Francis L. Piermarocchi.

Rapid progress was made on the addition initially. But other large construction projects in this part of New Hampshire caused a shortage of masons and other construction workers. An unusually wet summer further slowed progress. Hopes for an early fall completion date wilted. The teachers and children made do with temporary classrooms.

By the time this report is published the addition should be occupied. The classrooms are functional, yet cheerful. The total addition occupies 16,781 square feet. Of this, 11,648 square feet are classroom space. There are fourteen classrooms of which nine will be furnished now, the balance to be completed later. Two classrooms are equipped as science rooms with laboratory equipment. Storage facilities in these rooms for students' projects has been provided. One classroom will be used as an art room. A large room (two classrooms) has been designated as a multi-purpose room so that large or small classes or specialized study proj-

ects can be conducted there. The balance of the floor space is corridor space, additional lavatories, work space for teachers, and storage.

The rise in construction costs has been so rapid that the committee found it necessary to make a number of economies in building in order to meet the immediate classroom needs of the town and stay within the appropriation amount. A flat roof was built in contrast to the pitched roof of the original building. The ceiling height was lowered from ten to nine feet. A high density storage system was adopted to make better use of floor space. These and other savings in technical details of the building "brought-in" the building at the appropriated amount.

NICHOLAS D. SKEER, Chairman
GEORGE CHANDLEY
ROBERT LOWN
MELIO RICCITELLI

LEARNING DISABILITIES STUDY COMMITTEE

The following is a progress report from the committee studying learning disabilities in Amherst.

Since September of 1969, the study committee has devoted its time to the study of learning disabilities in general and have taken steps to determine the degree this problem may exist in Amherst.

In order to learn more about learning disabilities, various members of the committee have attended a week's workshop on learning disabilities at Crotched Mountain. This workshop covered the history of learning disabilities as well as diagnostic procedures. Two members have visited the public schools in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where a program for children with learning disabilities has been in effect for several years. One member has been to the Rehabilitation

Center in Manchester, where special diagnostic procedures and classes are being organized for children with specific learning disabilities. Another member attended a conference sponsored by the Merrimack Education Center on Programming for children with learning disabilities. Mr. Jillette of the State Department of Education has met with the committee, and Dr. Shepard of Keene State College is working with the teachers and members of the committee.

We have studied many programs to teach children with disabilities and will make recommendations to the School Board as to the procedures best suited to Amherst. It is first necessary to determine the number of children with learning disabilities before any meaningful recommendations can be made.

A study is in progress at the present time (January, 1970) to bring some figures to the committee, which will enable us to recommend a program designed to meet the problem as it pertains to Amherst.

WALLACE WARREN, Chairman
BETTE COTY
BEVERLY EGER
GAIL CARROLL
MARIE CIARALDI
NANCY HEAD
ARNOLD ADREANI
HERBERT STEARNS

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING

A Special School District Meeting was held at the Wilkins School on Friday, January 31, 1969. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Creeley Buchanan at 8:05 p. m. Reverend Sanford asked the invocation, and the salute to the flag was led by Mr. Leland Gray, Chairman of the School Board. Moderator Buchanan read the warrant containing the following article:

> To see what sum the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction, equipping of and furnishing of an addition or additions to the elementary school facilities of said district and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise.

In order to acquaint everyone with the purpose of holding the Special Meeting at this time, Mr. Buchanan read the petition which was rendered to the Superior Court of Hillsborough County and the decree of that court granting the meeting.

Mr. Eric Brown, Ways and Means Committee, moved the following:

"I move that the sum of $475,000 be appropriated for constructing and equipping and furnishing an addition to the Wilkins Elementary School, and that to raise this amount, the School Board be authorized to borrow $475,000 under the Municipal Finance Act, and that in addition to the foregoing appropriation, the School Board may contract for and accept any federal aid or grants or gifts that may become available with respect to the project and may expend for the project any income derived from the temporary investment of bond proceeds."

The motion was seconded by Al Byrnes.

Mr. Herbert Stearns commented in the public hearing held on January 17 where a discussion was held on the need for the addition, the basis by which the open concept had been chosen, a description of physical plant, cost breakdown, etc. From questions asked at this meeting, a brochure was prepared and distributed to residents of Amherst. Mr. Stearns stressed the need for the addition by September of 1969. After the appropriation at the Annual

Meeting of $8,000 for an architect, the Board began immediately to prepare plans for an eight or twelve room addition, taking into consideration ideas from faculty, staff, administration and architect. Because of rising construction costs and the rapid growth of the town, plans for a twelve room addition were prepared with an alternative plan for eight rooms.

Graphs showing the growth projection as prepared by the School Study Committee and the growth by grade illustrated the need for more classrooms now. Future projections indicate a classroom need of four per year. The 1967 School Study Committee has now been reactivated and a Land Procurement Committee, selected by the Moderator, is studying possible sites for a new school to take care of increased enrollment in the next five years.

Mr. Stearns described the open concept, stressing its flexibility through use of movable walls, bookcases, etc. The cost per square foot for this type of construction is about the same as the conventional double loaded structure – with flexibility as its advantage. Maintenance costs are less, and the whole building excluding toilet facilities and mudrooms has useful teaching space. The learning center, if needed, could also be used as a teaching station, although not its optimum function. After careful study of both types of construction, visits to other schools of this type, the open concept school was chosen because it provides for careful, programmed learning and encourages individual initiative.

The meeting was then opened to general discussion.

Mr. Thomas Bush, after a period of questions and answers, moved the question. It was seconded.

The meeting was closed temporarily for a ballot vote by checklist, which was as follows:

357 cast; 237 needed to carry; 130 No; 227 Yes.

The vote was lost.

Mr. Gray moved that the meeting recess until 8:00 p. m. on Friday, February 7, 1969 at the Wilkins School. Seconded. So voted.

Moderator Buchanan declared the meeting recessed at 10:45 p. m.

SHIRLEY V. COPELAND, Clerk

AMHERST RECESSED SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Amherst Recessed Special School District Meeting was held at the Wilkins School Auditorium on February 7, 1969. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Buchanan at 8:00 p. m.

A motion was made to adjorn the meeting. Seconded. Motion was defeated by a voice vote.

Mr. Bertrand Roberge moved that the decision of last Friday night's meeting be reconsidered. Motion seconded.

Mr. Donald Eger prepared a minority report and requested permission to read it and was given the opportunity at a later time in the meeting.

Mr. Frank Whaland called for a point of order, since the motion to reconsider was on the floor, and that a minority report was not germane to that question. Mr. Whaland then moved the question. Seconded.

After two voice votes were indecisive, the Moderator called for a division vote by standing. Result of the vote: 226 Yes, and 162 No, to reconsider the motion of the previous week.

The motion on the floor as presented by Mr. Eric Brown is as follows: "I move that the sum of $475,000 be appropriated for constructing and equipping and furnishing an addition to the Wilkins Elementary School, and that to raise this amount, the School Board be authorized to borrow $475,000 under the Municipal Finance Act, and that in addition to the foregoing appropriation, the School Board may contract for and accept any federal aid or grants and gifts that may become available in respect to the project, and may expend for the project, any income derived from the temporary investment of bond proceeds."

Mr. Gray said that he had been advised that it was not necessary to include the $8,000 already appropriated at the School District Meeting in March in the new appropriation to be voted upon. He then moved that the sum of $467,000 be substituted for the $475,000 originally voted

upon. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Brown, who made the original motion.

Mr. Gray said that the School Board would not have presented the open concept plan without having equally convincing evidence to support it.

Mr. Arnold Adreani, Amherst School Principal, presented his views on the pros and cons of an open concept method of teaching.

Mr. Tony Varcounis moved that the proposal be voted on. The motion was seconded. Defeated.

Mr. Al Byrnes moved to amend the motion to read: I move that the sum of $444,000 be appropriated for constructing and equipping and furnishing an addition to the Wilkins Elementary School, and that to raise this amount, the School Board be authorized to borrow $444,000 under the Municipal Finance Act, and that in addition to the foregoing appropriation, the School Board may contract for and accept any federal aid or grants and gifts that may become available in respect to the project, and may expend for the project, any income derived from the temporary investment of bond proceeds. Seconded.

He pointed out that the value of the amendment is that a school designed for twelve classrooms plus a large learning area would be built at a reduced figure.

Open discussion from the floor followed.

The Moderator called for a vote on whether to amend the motion. Carried. Amendment adopted.

Mr. Dana Powers made a motion to move the question. Seconded.

Voting took place by ballot and checklist. Result of vote: 458 cast; 301 necessary to carry; 206 No; 252 Yes. Motion was lost.

Mr. Gray then announced that the School Board would meet the following week and were open to suggestions.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. So voted.

SHIRLEY V. COPELAND, Clerk

SYNOPSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 7, 1969

The Amherst School District Meeting was held at the Wilkins School on Friday, March 7, 1969. Moderator Buchanan called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Prayer of invocation was given by Reverend Herman Anderson.

Article 1. Mr. Leland Gray moved that this article be passed over and acted upon with Article 9. Seconded. So voted.

Article 2. Mr. Herbert Stearns moved that we accept all reports as printed in the School Report. Seconded. So voted.

Article 3. Mr. Gray moved that the Town Auditors serve as school auditors. Seconded. So Voted.

Article 4. Mr. Stearns moved that the District authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency. Seconded. So voted.

Article 5. Mr. Dana Powers moved that the sum of $10,301.99 be raised and appropriated as a deficiency appropriation to cover $661.39 Supervisory Union Share, $5,800 Transportation and $3,840.60 Teacher's Salaries, said amount being due in the current fiscal year, and to authorize the Selectmen to make the money available to the School Board prior to June 30, 1969. Seconded.

Mr. Gray explained that the difference in the Transportation deficiency in the warrant and that the motion is due to an additional bus being purchased by Clark's Buses, which will be in use very shortly. Open discussion from the floor followed.

Mr. Brown moved to postpone action on this motion until after Article 8. Seconded.

Mr. Gray said that the Board had two other proposals for the surplus which had higher priority.

1. Apply $14,000 toward land purchase.

2. Hire an architect to draw up plans for a new school if the addition was not approved.

The Moderator requested a division vote by standing. Result of standing vote: 97 yes, 128 no. Motion defeated.

Mr. Gray explained the reason for the deficiency and said that this would be the only meeting where deficiency could be raised and if the money was not needed, it would be carried over to reduce taxes. Vote on the motion carried.

Article 6. Mr. Dunlap moved that the sum of $380,000 be appropriated for constructing and equipping and furnishing an addition to the Wilkins Elementary School, and that to raise this amount the School Board be authorized to borrow $380,000 under the Municipal Finance Act, and in addition to the foregoing appropriation, the School Board may contract for and accept any federal aid or grants or gifts that may become available with respect to the project and may expend for the project any income derived from the temporary investment of bond proceeds. Seconded.

Mr. Dunlap gave a report from the School Study Committee recommending the addition and open discussion from the floor followed.

Mr. Thomas Bush moved to amend the motion that this appropriation, not to exceed $380,000, be expended only to expand the present type of classrooms and architecture. Seconded.

Mr. Frank Whaland moved the question. Seconded. Carried.

After a lengthy discussion the Moderator recessed the meeting for voting by yes or no ballot which was conducted by the Supervisors of the checklist.

There were 313 votes cast; 54 No, 259 Yes.

A two-thirds vote was necessary to pass and the motion carried.

Article 7. Mr. Paul Dudley moved that the district raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 for the purchase of the so-called Vogel from Max Sherburne or take any action relative thereto. Seconded.

Mrs. Paul Antonelli moved to amend that the sum of

$36,000 be appropriated for the purchase of the land with $14,000 surplus to be applied toward this land purchase. Seconded.

Vote to amend, carried.

Vote on amended motion carried.

Article 8. Article 8 was passed over since surplus disposed of in Article 7.

Article 9. The School Board gave a detailed report of the proposed budget based on an estimated enrollment of 742 pupils – a 28% increase. The ways and means committee recommended a $15,000 cut with a reduction in staff by two teachers and reduction in substitute figure. Recommendation carried. Mr. Gray pointed out that the transportation contract was based on the number of transporting units and number of miles traveled. Mr. Stickney, Superintendent of Schools, stated that the advantage of a three year contract was mostly assurance of transportation. In order to ease the school budget it was stated that sale of bonds to be deferred until after July 1, 1969 – financing of preparation of plans and initial construction of building by bond anticipation notes. First principal payment in 1970-71 school year – same year that payment on Wilkins School is reduced by $5,000. Interest projected on basis of 5% bonds – principal based on 15 year repayment schedule. The decision is up to the School Board and Building Committee.

Mr. Dana Powers moved that the district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $963,046 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials, and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district. Seconded. So voted.

Article 10. Mr. Stearns moved that the School District show its appreciation of the untiring effort of our retiring School Board member, Chairman Leland Gray, Jr. by giving a rising vote of thanks.

Mr. Stearns moved that the Moderator be authorized to appoint a Building Committee to consist of four persons to serve together with the School Board. Seconded.

Mr. Paul Backus recommended that the motion be

amended to read to appoint a Building Committee, if possible the same Building Committee that supervised the construction of the existing Wilkins School.

Chair ruled the motion out of order since members of that Committee no longer live in town. The chair will assume responsibility of selecting a good Building Committee.

Mr. Backus appealed the decision. The appeal was lost.

Vote on motion carried.

Article 11. Mr. Gray moved that the unexpended surplus in the 1300 series for debt services in the amount of $14,000 be applied toward the land purchases authorized in Article 7. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Luternow moved that next year's meeting be held on a Saturday night following the Town Meeting. Seconded. Defeated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

SHIRLEY V. COPELAND,
Clerk and Treasurer

Narrative for Town Report Cover

The Town of Amherst — Conservation Commission has taken title to the 80-acre Joe English Brook Reservation on Brook Road. Replete with a beaver pond, two clean brooks, and an attractive forest, the acquisition of this site insures preservation of some of Amherst's rich heritage of beautiful woodlands.

Located in one of the larger undeveloped areas in Town, the Reservation will provide nature trails, wilderness camping for Scouts, fishing, cross country skiing, and the simple pleasures of the outdoors for young and old alike.

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